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## Troubled times strike schools

### Angry parents get few answers at board meeting

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Venice parents got few answers about recent incidents in the district from the Venice School Board meeting Thursday evening.

#### VENICE

A special meeting of the board was set up to allow parents to voice complaints, but the 100 or so who attended the meeting — held in the high school gym — were told by Board President Alvester Salmond that they could not deal with questions about personnel, discipline or legal matters.

It is those types of issues that have sparked most of the recent dissatisfaction with the district, which started to boil over after the suspension of Venice High School Principal Annette Alexander and the

locking out of a number of protesting students in February.

The audience was told that a written report on those incidents had been completed by Doughty, but would not be made available to the public as promised in earlier meetings.

In the early part of the meeting, questions were handled by Doughty and Salmond, and at one point, board member William Tyler told the audience that they were not allowed to speak.

However, later several board members did speak and field some questions.

For many of the questions dealing with financial and other similar matters, Salmond told the audience that they must submit their questions in writing.

Several speakers said one of

### Haine charges Doughty following check dispute

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

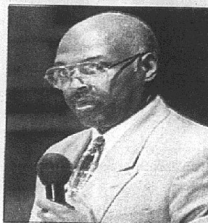
Criminal charges were filed Thursday against Venice School Superintendent James

#### VENICE

Doughty over his refusal to give five district employees their checks.

Doughty, 44, of University City, Mo., was charged with five counts of unlawful refusal to pay wages, a Class C misdemeanor. He was served with a notice to appear.

The teachers received their checks Thursday morning after a story which appeared in that day's *Granite City Press-Record* stated that Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine was considering pressing charges.



James Doughty

"He paid them today, but he put a letter in the packet, the tone of which indicates that he may do it again," Haine said Thursday.

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Scott Cousins photo  
The Rev. John Henry Williams addresses the Venice School Board during a meeting Thursday night. Continuing tensions between Venice Superintendent James Doughty and parents prompted the meeting.

## Costello, Shimkus help push steel bill through

### Foreign dumping targeted by proposal

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A bill to protect the U.S. steel industry from dumping by foreign companies was passed by the U.S. House Wednesday with strong support from U.S. Reps. Jerry Costello, D-Bellville, and John Shimkus, R-Collinsville.

#### STEEL INDUSTRY

The bill now goes to the U.S. Senate. U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald's spokesman, Mike Cys, said the senator has not had a chance to examine the bill, but recently sent a letter to the International Trade Commission on the steel issue. "He has been doing something, but how he's going to vote on a particular piece of legislation is difficult to say," Cys said. "It's not acceptable free

trade practices, and it's not fair trade," Cys said of the recent steel dumping.

Jim Williams, a member of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin's staff, said the senator was looking over several pieces of legislation.

Williams added that the Finance Committee is planning a hearing Tuesday focused solely on steel.

"The senator is doing quite a bit when it comes to steel," he said. "His voice is small and he's shouting as loud as he can."

The bill, known as the Stop Illegal Steel Trade Act, passed 289-141. It was introduced earlier this year by U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Indiana.

"Today, the House has overridden the objections of the Clinton Administration to pass legislation to stand up for U.S. steel," Costello said. "We can no longer afford to be the world's dumping ground for

unfairly traded steel."

Shimkus was equally vocal about the bill. "Last year, steel producers from Russia were allowed to dump 47 percent more steel on our markets than in 1997," Shimkus said. "Foreign corporations are selling steel at \$100 per ton below their production costs."

"While U.S. and international trade laws are being grossly violated by these foreign corporations, the president and the administration stand idly by, allowing thousands upon thousands of hard-working steel workers to lose their jobs and their livelihood."

Both congressmen issued a joint letter to colleagues seeking support of the bill. "In Southwestern Illinois, as in other parts of the country, the steel industry is vital to

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Tim Stephenson photo

### Liftoff, we have liftoff

Harris Elementary School Principal David Becherer joins his students during a model rocket demonstration held Thursday at Third Street Park in Madison. Mike Gitcho introduced the school's students to model rocketry and helped students design and launch their own rockets. Such experiments helped inspire NASA engineer Homer Hickam, who is the subject of the current film "October Sky."

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## Bono: Mitchell's population falls short of law

### But judge admits current statutes hamper town's incorporation efforts

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

#### MITCHELL

A judge in Madison County Circuit Court upheld his decision Thursday that

Mitchell doesn't meet a population requirement to become a village, but the news wasn't all bad for Mitchell supporters.

Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono wrote in his order that annexations by Edwardsville and Granite City

reduced the population of the proposed village below 7,500, which means state law requires the two surrounding cities to agree to such an incorporation.

"The court is sympathetic to the efforts of the petitioners to present the question of

formation of their new village to the voters," Bono wrote. "And the court acknowledges that the current law imposes significant burdens to the incorporation process, which

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Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan

## In Brief

### Archbishop visiting Granite City

Archbishop Oshagan Cholyan — who is making his first pastoral visit to the area — will celebrate a hierarchical divine liturgy today, Sunday, at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Granite City.

The church will celebrate the feast of St. Gregory the Illuminator, the patron saint of Armenia, with the service, which will include the blessing of the waters and a dinner and program in honor of the Archbishop's visit. The dinner will be in the community center following the service.

### Madison closer to new fire station

The city of Madison is one step closer to a new fire station.

At its Thursday meeting, the Madison School Board agreed to transfer ownership of the old Madison Junior High School property on Third Street to the city.

Mayor John Hamm said he wants to expand the city's Tax Increment Financing district to

include the area.

That would allow the city to use TIF funds for up to 75 percent of the fire station construction costs.

The rest of the old school property would probably be used for some kind of park setting, Hamm said they hope to obtain a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund some improvements.

### Three charged following assault

Three black men were charged with a hate crime after a white man on a motorcycle was assaulted in Venice Thursday afternoon.

Tyrone M. Williams, 19, of the 1300 block of Robin Street, Venice; Demetrius Compton, 18, of the 1100 block of Market Street, Madison; and Lewis Sullivan, 17, of the 1000 block of College Street, Venice, were each charged with a hate crime, a Class 4 felony. If convicted, all three could face 1 to 3 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Williams was also charged with one count of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Bond was set at \$25,000 for Compton and Sullivan and \$40,000 for Williams. Two juveniles were also taken into custody, but information on charges against them was unavailable.

According to police reports, the victim — a Granite City man who works at Spectralite Consortium Inc. — had left his motorcycle when he stopped at the intersection of Baucum and Bissell. When he stopped, a group of young black men approached, cursing and threatening him.

One of the men, later identified as Sullivan, allegedly threw a soda bottle at the victim, striking him in the back.

After a brief confrontation, the man went to the Venice police department to report the incident.

After the suspects were transported to the police station, officers found plastic baggies containing suspected crack cocaine in two of the police cars.

### Pawnshops banned by Granite City Council

Granite City currently has

six licensed pawn shops. That number will not increase.

Granite City aldermen Tuesday night unanimously passed an ordinance that would prohibit pawn shops and pawnbrokers from being licensed in the city.

"I think we have an adequate amount right now," said Ward 3 Alderman Pat Davis.

Mayor Ron Selph added that the city needed to "limit pawn shops to avoid saturation of them in the community."

The ordinance states that the city has "determined the health, safety and welfare of its citizens will be served by prohibiting pawn shops and pawn brokerages from the city."

The ordinance was passed to provide a "clean, safe environment within the city."

John Diffata, who owns EZ Pawn & Pacing on Niedringhaus Avenue, said he agrees with the aldermen to some extent.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with pawn shops, but the council has the right to pass ordinances that they think are beneficial to the city."

# Granite City police officer gives talk on child molestation

By Mike Hall  
Staff writer

They could be lurking anywhere — in the mall, by a school or pool or at the cinema.

Unassuming, they walk up to a child and offer candy or money to get a child's attention.

After that, a possibility exists that the child may never be seen alive again.

These people are child molesters. And even though their tactics are simple and redundant, they are effective — and can be deadly.

"It's the same old story that won't go away," said police officer Mike Sparks of the

Granite City Police Department. "Parents tell their children not to accept the goodies, yet they will do so because they're young and naive."

Sparks spoke to about 25 parents Friday morning at the Head Start Building in Granite City about child molestation.

He explained to them who a molester could be, tactics used by the individual to get a child's attention and what preventive measures parents should take to avoid having their children molested.

He also said that with spring in the air, there may be many people outdoors who may not have good intentions toward children. Because of that, parents should be cautious about people with whom their

children come in contact with.

Sparks started the session by telling the parents that a molester could be anyone who comes in contact with a child. The person, he said, could be a neighbor that no one would expect or people who are reputable and have high positions in society.

"Always expect the unexpected," Sparks said. "Not all molesters fall into a specific category, and many may be first-time offenders."

Sparks went on to say that besides coaxing children with food and candy, the individual will often use animals as a ploy, such as puppies or kittens, because children find them "cute and cuddly."

Many are also using the Internet as another device.

Before Sparks ended the session, he gave the parents a few tips on how to avoid their children from being molested.

"If you have to, use a child's leash when shopping at malls; many children have been abducted from malls," Sparks said. Parents should know their neighbors and never hesitate to call the police when a suspicious person is seen in the neighborhood.

Most importantly, he said, tell your children over and over not to associate with strangers.

"It's an old saying, but it works if you repeat it enough," Sparks said. "Studies indicate that a child will not take parents' comments seriously unless they are repeated about 600 times."

"You must repeat, and you should begin when the child begins to speak."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, girls between the ages of 12 and 19 are the most victimized segment of our population.

Children between the ages of 12 and 15 are, according to the department, victimized at a rate of 84 percent higher than

the general population. Teen-age girls are among the most frequent victims of sexual assaults.

The average victim of a child abduction-murder is a girl slightly older than 11 years of age, and most kids from their neighborhoods meet their abductors within a quarter-mile of their home.

## Venice City Council bans adult nightclubs

Echols: No strip clubs contemplating coming here, but we wanted to be ready

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An ordinance prohibiting strip clubs and other sex-related businesses was approved by the Venice City Council Tuesday.

The ordinance specifically prohibits businesses that feature or allow nudity by "employees, dancers, strippers, patrons or similar-type entertainment or activity; obscene material or performances, or explicit sexual conduct."

The council has instructed City Attorney Casper Nighobosian to draw up the ordinance several weeks ago.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said it was just something that needed to be done and he has heard of no such businesses considering coming into the city.

"I've been talking with the city attorney for quite some time," Echols said. "This goes back 10 or 12 years or more, when some people came here one evening with the idea of these things."

Echols said they were told the city was not interested.

"I guess they decided to just go away," he said. "We kind of thought that maybe it was time to put something on the books."

"I think it's needed," Echols added. "I'm not anticipating anything, but we should have done it a long time ago."

The council also gave tentative approval for the city to spend up to \$10,000 for equipment for the police department's 911 system.

Alderman Harold Wilson said the equipment was damaged by a power surge during a thunderstorm last summer and cannot be repaired any more.

Wilson said the actual cost of

the equipment was estimated at about \$24,000, but insurance will cover about half the cost. The city has made arrangements for reduced price. Wilson said it would

probably cost the city about \$8,000.

City officials also said they plan to crack down on residents who do not purchase city stickers for their vehicles.

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## Police Blotter

### Granite City Police

**SPEDING:** Michael Drennan, 23, of 127 Briarcliff Ave., Granite City, was charged Tuesday morning for possession of cannabis, running two red lights, speeding, improper lane change and disobeying a stop sign. Drennan was traveling at about 75 mph in a 35 mph speed zone when he was pulled over on West Pontoon Road around 1:16 a.m., according to Granite City Police.

The officer advised Drennan of the traffic violations and then arrested the subject. While searching Drennan, the report stated, the officer allegedly found in Drennan's possession a box containing a green leafy substance.

**HITCHHIKING:** Charlene

Bouquet, 21, of 2738 Francis Ave., was charged Monday for soliciting a ride on a roadway. She was released on \$1,500 bond pending lab results on a felony for possession of a controlled substance.

Bouquet was walking north on Illinois Route 3, according to Granite City Police, waving at passing motorists. An officer patrolling the area pulled off the highway to offer assistance.

During a conversation with Bouquet, the officer learned that she possessed a tube that allegedly contained a controlled substance.

She was placed under arrest for allegedly possessing a controlled substance and was given a citation for soliciting a ride on a roadway.

### Venice Police

**FIGHT:** Two people were charged with misdemeanor charges after a fight Saturday. Roxanne Hyster, 32, of the 2200 block of Washington, Granite City, and Chioke Odde Motley, 17, of the 1500 block of Fifth Street, Madison, were both charged with fighting and assault after an incident in the 900 block of Madison Avenue at about 11 p.m.

Both were released after being charged.

### Madison County Circuit Court

The following felonies recently were filed in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County: Virginia D. Huff, 28, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled

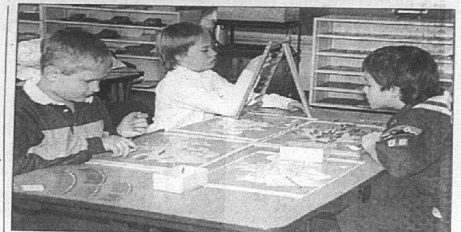
substance by the Madison County Sheriff's Department for an alleged incident on Dec. 26. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Debra A. Miller, 40, was charged with two counts of forgery by the Granite City Police Department for an alleged incident on Dec. 18. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Raymond E. Yates, 21, was charged with theft over \$300 by the Granite City Police Department for an alleged incident Feb. 7. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Laura C. Dean, 41, was charged with two counts of forgery by the Edwardsville Police Department for an alleged incident Dec. 10. Bond was set at \$45,000.

Raymond L. Stack, 45, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.



### Open house

From left, Adam Sarhage, Aaron Dripps and Joshua Dripps take a look at some materials during the Granite City Montessori School open house, held recently in Granite City. The event allowed parents and students a chance to examine the school.

Shirley Valencia, photo

## Madison County Board backs pension-limiting legislation

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
Staff writer

**MADISON COUNTY** Elected Madison County officials would receive pension benefits based only on their elected posts — not on more lucrative appointed jobs — under proposed state legislation. During its meeting Wednesday, the Madison

County Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting that legislation. William L. Little, D-Alton, chairman of the Finance Committee, called it "a step in the right direction." He said a statewide group of 128 county boards supports the measure. Under the Elected County Officials Alternative Benefit Program approved by the board in 1997, elected officials could move to higher paying

jobs before retiring from their elected offices and become eligible for higher pensions as a result. While the county's contribution to elected officials' pensions under the regular Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund would have been only \$43,307 this year, under the Elected County Officials plan, the county will pay \$153,764, an increase of \$109,869. The increase is

attributed to a loophole that has allowed former elected officials to switch to non-elected county jobs and increase their pensions. This "loophole" is what the state legislature is attempting to fix, Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said. The ECO was instituted to draw high-caliber people to seek public office, by providing for sufficient contribution to a pension plan for those who served in an elected position. "But it allowed elected officials to increase the amount of money contributed into their retirement fund in order to cut the amount of time it takes to get to the maximum benefit in half," Von Nida said.

"It allowed elected officials to increase the amount of money contributed into their retirement fund in order to cut the amount of time it takes to get to the maximum benefit in half."

Mark Von Nida  
Madison County Clerk

Von Nida said that 3½ percent of an elected official's pay usually is contributed, reaching maximum benefit in 40 years or 75 percent of the official's last salary. Under the plan approved in 1997, those officials could contribute up to 7½ percent and be eligible for full pension

after 20 years and collect a maximum of 80 percent of their previous salary, he said. Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, took a pump operator's job at the Metro East Sanitary District three weeks before retiring from the County Board last fall. The Elected County Officials plan allowed Bosich, 79, to increase his pension from \$21,410 to \$29,232. Several other former County Board members have increased their pensions by taking higher-paying, non-elected positions. In other board action Wednesday, Peggy Voumard, widow of Edward D. Voumard Jr., D-Alton, was appointed to fill the seat left by her late husband. That term expires in 2000.

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## Parents give heat to Venice School Board

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the board's biggest problems was a lack of communication with residents.

"You need open communication between the district and parents," said Rev. John Henry Williams, who was one of the principal speakers in the crowd. "You cannot close out the public."

At several points, Doughty talked about programs that were either under way or being considered. Doughty told parents that they have instituted a number of new programs to improve test scores, including after-school tutoring that will soon be expanded to the high school. Doughty also said they are hoping to offer students vocational classes at Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

Doughty said the administration is looking into complaints that the kindergarten bathrooms have been locked.

Many of the later questions raised by residents centered on Doughty, specifically his contract and accreditation as a superintendent.

As a superintendent from outside Illinois, he is given provisional certification but must complete the formal certification process.

Doughty said he is scheduled to take one of the necessary tests in early April.

Other questions about his certification and his contract with the district were not answered.

The meeting lasted about two hours. After it was over, many residents went away angry and huddled in small groups outside the gym talking.

Rev. Al Turner, who spoke several times during the meeting, said nothing was really accomplished.

"It seems as though there is some type of conspiracy or something going on, that there's a hidden agenda and he (Doughty) is not allowing the residents to know exactly what is going on."

Turner said the board needs to remove Doughty as superintendent. "I'm really dissatisfied with the conditions of this school," Turner said. "I have three children; this situation has a great impact on their outlook on school."

"They tried to approach the superintendent, but he turned them down," Turner added. "They have come home and told me how they have been mistreated by Dr. Doughty. It's really sad."

Board members were divided on whether anything was accomplished.

Tyrone G. Echols and Metro Pierson, who, along with Tyler, make up the short end of the board's 4-3 split, said nothing was accomplished.

Board Member Karen Matkins said they came to hear concerns. "There are some things that we could have answered a little bit better," Matkins said. "I think we can help our problems, just thing we need to sit down and talk without the yelling and the anger."

## Costello, Shimkus support steel bill

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our economy and our way of life," the letter stated. "We are concerned about the illegal dumping of foreign steel on U.S. markets. We must take immediate action to ensure the enforcement of our trade laws and protect our U.S. steel."

The bill would restrict imports of all foreign steel, as well as from ore and coke, to the monthly average volume they comparable to the three years preceding 1997. The restrictions would take the form of quotas, surcharges or enforceable restraint agreements and would stay in place for three years.

U.S. Commerce Department figures showed that during the second quarter of 1998, steel imports reached their highest volume in U.S. history.

Japanese steel imports during the first six months of 1998 increased 13.7 percent over January to June 1997, and imports from South Korea increased 89.5 percent during the same period. Much of the problem stems from the collapse of the Asian economy.

On Feb. 12, the U.S. Commerce Department issued a preliminary determination in its anti-dumping investigations of Japanese and Brazilian companies. As a result, importers will now have to pay cash deposits or post a bond on imports of these products, in some cases dating back to November. A similar investigation into Russian steel companies is under way. A final determination is due April 28.

Subsidies violate basic trade agreements and allow other countries to dump steel by the Commerce Department, those imports could face tariffs of up to 200 percent.

In addition, President Clinton had announced \$300 million in tax credits for companies hurt by the dumping, but industry and union officials were extremely critical of the measures. Union officials

"We are concerned about the illegal dumping of foreign steel on U.S. markets. We must take immediate action to ensure the enforcement of our trade laws and protect our U.S. steel."

Reps. Jerry Costello and John Shimkus  
In a letter to fellow Congressmen

also said the Commerce Department action could take more than a year and tax credits don't help the workers.

The administration has put some pressure on foreign companies; Japan has dramatically reduced steel imports recently.

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	last spring frost	first fall frost	# of days
Alabama	3/19	11/14	240
Birmingham	2/17	12/12	288
Arizona	5/18	9/13	118
Arkansas	6/27	7/5	8
California	4/27	10/19	176
Colorado	6/8	10/2	116
Connecticut	1/27	12/11	318
Delaware	3/6	11/23	261
District of Columbia	3/16	11/15	244
Florida	1/24	12/11	321
Georgia	4/22	10/12	167
Hawaii	4/28	10/19	180
Idaho	4/10	10/28	200
Illinois	4/19	10/28	192
Indiana	4/8	10/30	205
Iowa	4/2	11/4	216
Kansas	4/17	10/27	193
Kentucky	4/20	10/19	183
Louisiana	4/9	10/26	200
Maine	4/5	11/1	210
Maryland	4/13	10/28	198
Massachusetts	4/1	11/7	220
Michigan	2/13	12/12	302
Minnesota	3/1	11/27	271
Mississippi	4/29	10/15	169
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## Doughty charged in teacher check dispute

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Haine also said the inference from the letter was that Doughty was "fully justified" in his actions.

"There is no legal justification for withholding the checks," Haine said. "He's making the teachers jump through hoops to get what is lawfully theirs to receive."

The charges stem from Doughty's alleged handling of paychecks dated March 12. Teachers were given their checks while attending a teacher's institute at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, but some of them were not present when checks were handed out.

In a March 13 memo to "selected teachers," Doughty said that 10 teachers did not show up to get their checks. To receive their pay, he said they

must submit an employee absence report if they did not attend the institute or attended but left early or must submit documentation that they did attend the institute.

That documentation included the name of the sessions attended, a copy of handouts from the sessions and the names of two staff members who could verify their presence.

On March 16, four teachers from Venice-Lincoln Technical Center and one each from the grade and high schools — sent a memo to Doughty saying "your withholding of our paychecks is inappropriate and unwarranted." The teachers also said the methods established for them to receive their checks were "ineffective and biased."

"It was, and is felt, by many... that the manner in

which payroll was disbursed was a public degradation of our professional status," the memo said.

The memo said that building administrators were not notified about the checks until the evening of March 11 and teachers at Venice-Lincoln Technical Center were given a wrong time to show up.

"No one had been officially informed that failure to pick up their paychecks would be construed as failure to have attended the Madison County Institute," the memo stated.

The memo also said that having teachers pick up their paychecks to verify attendance at the institute is an "ineffective measure" to check attendance.

"Clearly, it is possible that someone could have arrived at the institute at 1 p.m. for the sole purpose of receiving their payroll check without having attended a single institute event," the memo stated.

"Therefore, if we are asked to verify our integrity, we ask that you make the same request of all."

Those teachers also filed a formal complaint with Haine that day.

Doughty would not comment.

## Mitchell request rejected

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should be addressed by the Legislature."

This admission by Bono could benefit Mitchell backers if they decide to appeal his order to the Illinois 5th District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon. It's helpful the judge ruled the way he did. He found that we meet the basic requirements (to become a village) under the municipal code," said James Sinclair, Mitchell's attorney.

Sinclair said he would meet with attorneys from Edwardsville and Granite City to see whether any agreements can be met before an appeal. Granite City lawyer Keith

Jensen and Edwardsville city attorney David Gerber could not be reached for comment.

Vital to Mitchell backers is their remaining hope that the Poag area will be incorporated into their proposed village, rather than into Edwardsville. A prime point of contention is how much land connects Mitchell and Poag since parcels known as "the Mueller property" were annexed into Edwardsville last summer.

Bono ruled that Mitchell had a population of only 7,251 because the more than 300 people in Poag were severed and not contiguous to Mitchell. But Sinclair maintains a strip of land could allow Poag to annex into Mitchell, thus giving Mitchell sufficient population.



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March 20, at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 14th Street, Granite City, Mo. 63041.

**Shadrach**  
Shadrach C. Shadrach, 80, of Granite City, Mo., died March 17, 1999, at the St. Louis Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. Graycraft, 1915, in Veneta, American Steel miller, former of Good Shepherd Church and was Mosaic Lodge 27. Survivors include line Graycraft, the craft of Riverton.

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## Obituaries

### Cheyenne Brown

CHEYENNE K.R. BROWN, 22 months, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999.

Survivors include her parents, Sam and Nikki Brown; and two brothers, Samuel Brown Jr. and Mickey Hausmann.

Services were held Saturday, March 20, at Jay B. Smith Maplewood Chapel. Burial was in Lakeview Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the memory of Cheyenne Brown, 2072 14th Street, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

### Shadrach Craycraft

SHADRACH "SHAD" CRAYCRAFT, 80, of Granite City, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at Vancor Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Craycraft was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Venka. He was retired from American Steel Foundries as a miller foreman and was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and was past Governor of Moose Lodge 272 of Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Craycraft; three sons, Ron Craycraft of Riverton, Richard Cheney of

Florissant, Mo., and Donald Cheney of Mt. Zion; one sister, Mildred Lewis of Granite City; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Hattie (Dumm) Craycraft; six brothers, Fred, Ralph, Scott, Leroy, Richard and Martin; and three sisters, Helen Puent, Ethel Stiebel and Florence Campbell.

Services were held Saturday, March 20, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Max Wood officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

### Kenneth Frizzell

KENNETH C. FRIZZELL, 69, of Madison, died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Frizzell was born April 21, 1929, in Kansas. He was a retired meat cutter from Kozak's and Tri-City Grocery and was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle, Meatcutters Local 534 and BPOE Elks

Lodge 1063.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline (Cartier) Frizzell; one son, Phillip Frizzell of Madison, Ill.; one daughter, Phyllis Hahn of Benton, Ill.; one brother, Dean Frizzell of Granite City; one sister, Meriam Evans of Cawden; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Susannah (Stitz) Frizzell; and one infant brother.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, March 21, at Werner Chapel, 3858 Lake Drive, Granite City.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the funeral home in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Word of Life Tabernacle Building Fund.

### Frances Goldasich

FRANCES D. GOLDASICH, 80, of Granite City, died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, who died April 12,

1918, in Bend.

She attended Bend Public Schools and graduated from Bend High School in 1936. Mrs. Goldasich was a housewife and was a member of Church of Ascension, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, CIO Croation Lodge 217 and VFW Post 1300 Auxiliary.

Survivors include her sons, Nick and Joseph Dragovich of American Samoa; and three granddaughters, Danna Dragovich of Gillespie and Alexandra Weinberg of Bend.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph Dragovich; her second husband, Paul Goldasich; her father, John Seketa; her mother, Marie Rauker; three brothers, John, Thomas, and Nicholas Seketa; and two sisters, Katherine Spudis and Mary Seketa.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Sunday, March 21, at Backer and Son Funeral Home, 221 South Popular, Mt. Olive, with a rosary service at 6:45 p.m.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the church of Ascension in Mt. Olive, with Rev. Larry Anschutz officiating. Burial will be in Bend Cemetery.

A luncheon will be served in the Ascension Hall by the Altar and Rosary Society.

Memorials may be made to the masses or the Mt. Olive Academic Foundation.

### Isabel Hernandez

ISABEL B. HERNANDEZ, 15, of Fairmont City, died Thursday, March 18, 1999, at St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Ms. Hernandez was born Nov. 5, 1983, in Mexico City, D.F., Mexico. She was a graduate of Holy Rosary School in Fairmont City and a freshman at Collinsville High School.

Survivors include her infant son, Miguel Angel Hernandez; her parents, Mario and Teresa (Medina) Hernandez; two brothers, Mario Hernandez Jr. and Edgar Hernandez; one sister, Alejandra Hernandez; and her maternal grandparents, Jesus Medina and Maria Melendez Vazquez of Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Jose and Guadalupe Juarez.

Services were held Saturday, March 20, from Kassy Mortuary in Fairview Heights to Holy Rosary Church in Fairmont City for a Mass of Christian burial, with the Rev. David Wilkie officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

### Virginia Melchior

VIRGINIA (HOLT) MELCHIOR, 73, of Granite City, died Monday, March 15, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Melchior was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Clarksville, Tenn. She had worked at the Granite City Army D & P Records Center, Granite City Hall and C and H Trucking and was a member of Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church and District 837 Retirement Club of McDonnell-Douglas.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Melchior; two daughters, Linda Pifer of Austin, Texas, and Lorrie Livingston of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Jo Haley and Mildred Self, both of Clarksville, Tenn.; two brothers, Edward Holt of Ava, Mo., and Ray Holt of Seymour, Mo.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Lois (Perry) Holt.

Services were held Wednesday, March 17, at Mercer Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Shane Smith officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

### Glenn Shehorn

GLENN E. "PETE" SHEHORN, 59, of Granite City, died March 18, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Shehorn was born Oct. 5, 1939, in Oregon County, Mo. He was retired from Shell Oil as an operator of the oil cracker and was a member of Clark Avenue Church of Christ. Mr. Shehorn was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Anita (Brown) Shehorn, whom he married Aug. 7, 1965; his father, James Shehorn of Alton, Mo.; one daughter, Carrie Shehorn of Granite City; and his stepmother, Virginia Shehorn of Alton, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sybil (Bell) Shehorn; his brother, Howard Shehorn; and one sister, Norma Crank.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Sunday, March 21, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Avenue, Granite City.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the funeral home in Granite City, with the Rev. Gordon Jantz and the Rev. Les Ash-

by officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Food for the Hungry, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73101, directed to the Appalachian area.

Mrs. VanDeusen was born May 24, 1921, in Granite City. She had been employed in the bookkeeping office at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Survivors include her husband, Charles VanDeusen; one son, John VanDeusen of Alton; one daughter, Martha VanDeusen of Granite City; one brother, Ralph Bader and Roland Bader, both of Granite City; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Hester (etta) (Winters) Bader.

Her body was cremated.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Marks Mortuary in Wood River, with the Rev. Alan J. Reller officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Church of Christ in Granite City.

### Ruby Whitson

RUBY WHITSON, 92, of Granite City, died Friday, March 19, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Whitson was born Sept. 29, 1906, in Jefferson County. She was a member of West 22nd Baptist Church and Choteau Township Seniors.

Survivors include her son, Robert Whitson Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Pauline Hanson of Granite City and D. Imogene Eileen of DeWitt, Mo.; two sisters, Beulah Williams of Texas and Bessie Taylor of Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Whitson, whom she married Oct. 6, 1924; her parents, Arthur and Louise (Lisney) Rector; one sister, Flossie Eller; and two brothers, Everett and Harold Rector.

Visitation will be held from 8 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, March 21, at Osborn Funeral Home, 322 N. Main Street, St. Louis.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the funeral home in Granite City, with the Rev. Atkins officiating. Burial will be in Union Chapel Cemetery in Texas.

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## Two injured in plane crash

By Jason White  
Staff writer

A student pilot and instructor were recovering from injuries Friday after a plane crash Thursday at St. Louis Downtown-Park College in Cahokia.

A Saint Louis University Hospital employee said John Lahli, 28, of Duplo, was in serious condition on Friday.

He was in critical condition when he was admitted Thursday.

Joan Valerio, 22, was in stable condition and was being treated for head, arm and leg injuries at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, hospital spokesman Alan Biggerstaff said.

Biggerstaff said he expected Valerio to be released over the weekend.

Lahli is an instructor in the professional pilot program at St. Louis Park College of Engineering and Aviation and Valerio is a student.

The two were taking off at about 3 p.m. Thursday when their four-seat, single-engine airplane crashed.

They had been practicing landing maneuvers on the runway. Airport Director John Roach said.

"At some point during a takeoff...the plane went out of control," Roach said.

A Federal Aviation Administration investigation of the crash may take four to six months, Roach said.

A military helicopter was on a ramp 900 yards from the crash site, Roach said.

A published report quoted an eyewitness as saying the helicopter's rotor wash caused the crash.

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## Letters to the Editor

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# Key to elections: Get yourself some free publicity

Even a low-level politician can  
score with an unusual idea

It always amazes me when issues come out of nowhere to get tons of publicity. Take Rep. Jack Franks, for instance. Franks (D-Woodstock) is the most politically vulnerable freshman in the Illinois General Assembly. He is considered a complete fluke by the House Republicans because he won a district that is dominated by Republican voters.



Rich Miller

The House Republicans figure it will be an easy matter to knock Franks off in the 2000 elections, but the guy won't go quietly. He is turning out to be one of the harshest politicians around, and one of the luckiest.

Franks came up with an idea after he was elected to require people who have been convicted of two DUIs to put an orange license plate holder on their cars that identifies them as habitual drunken drivers.

Out of almost nowhere, the "scarlet letter for drunks" has become one of the hottest issues of the spring legislative session.

Franks' bill was recently featured in the front of the Sunday Chicago Sun Times — a major coup that most politicians would kill for. Most of the Chicago TV stations have covered the proposal. He was even interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corporation. As they say in the business, you can't buy this sort of publicity.

The House Republicans are grumbling that Franks' idea will be rejected by his constituents. "He comes from a world where everyone in the family has their own car," snapped House Republican Leader Lee Daniels' chief of staff, Mike Tristano, the other day.

Tristano points out that two-time DUI offenders don't drive much, so the people who will really be punished are the spouses and children who have to drive the automobiles with the orange license plate frames.

Tristano makes a good point, but it probably doesn't matter much. When a mid-level politician like Franks gets a big write-up in the paper or is featured on TV, most people don't remember what the fuss was about after a day or so goes by. All they usually recollect is that their very own state legislator was on the front page of the big-city daily. And, as anyone who runs legislative campaigns in the suburbs or in Chicago will tell you, the greatest battle is just getting the candidate's name known to voters.

Most voters in the Chicago area don't care too much about the state legislature, so they often don't even know who represents them in the Springfield. Political types have discovered that, usually, the more voters know their legislators, the more they're likely to vote for them.

So every time Franks gets written up or his mug appears on TV, he's moving himself one step closer to re-election, even if the majority of his voters don't like his scarlet letter idea. Rep. Bob Bugielski (D-Chicago) doesn't have to worry too much about his re-election. He's in a pretty solid Democratic district and he has close ties to his ward committeemen, so there's little chance he'll get bumped off in a Democratic primary.

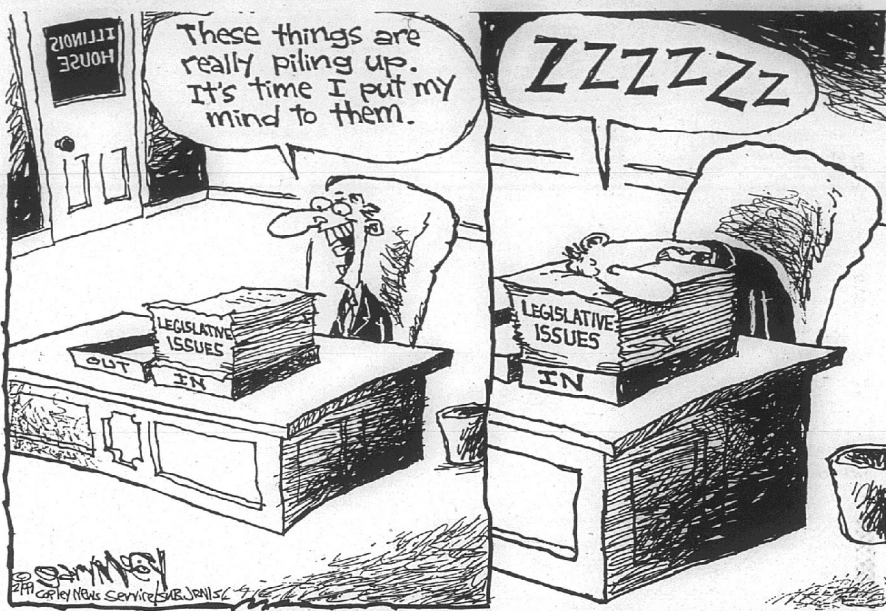
But Bugielski has been squeezing every last drop of fanfare out of his idea to force drivers to use hands-free cellular phones in their cars.

Bugielski was absolutely astounded by the amount of publicity he received when he first introduced this idea a couple of years ago.

And just days after he first introduced it this year, he was interviewed by Good Morning America.

All a publicity-seeking legislator has to do these days is introduce an unusual bill and, just like magic, he or she becomes the newest media darling.

## Opinions



## Letters to the Editor

### Riebold actions smack of pettiness

TO THE EDITOR:  
I have just read the story concerning Catherine Riebold and the decision of the Granite City School Board to not take any action on returning Mrs. Riebold to Granite City High School and her former position.

I have known Catherine Riebold professionally for more than 25 years. Throughout these 25 years, her main concern, as a teacher, was for her students.

It is a sad, but very true, indication of the state of public education that when a teacher such as Mrs. Riebold does her job and does it far beyond what is required, she is penalized. The parents and students who support Mrs. Riebold are the only ones in this mess who are thinking about what is truly important — the education and welfare of the children of the Granite City School District.

Has it ever been documented that at any time Mrs. Riebold acted unprofessionally? Is Steve Balen and the school board dealing with rumors and gossip and not looking at the facts?

As a former member of an Illinois School Board for more than 12 years, I know that, legally, a school board cannot take actions based on rumors — there must be facts to back up these rumors. I am also aware that a school board can only make decisions based on what they are told by the school superintendent.

As board members — are you sure you have all the facts? As a member of an Illinois School Board, you are legally responsible for any votes you cast — are you sure you are getting the truth and all the facts from Mr. Balen?

There is much lip service given in the state of Illinois to now we want to improve our schools. Until superintendents and school boards reward those teachers who have the courage to go beyond the basics, we will continue to reward mediocre teachers who put in their time waiting for the next retirement buyout. The students will be the ones to suffer.

It is time the Granite City School Board members have the courage and integrity to do what is right, not what is easy. Check out the information you have, talk to parents, and make a real effort to do what

is in the best interest of the children.

What statement are you making to the students of Granite City High School, that your pride and inability to admit you were wrong are more important than the education of every child of the district? Can you sleep at night knowing you are a part of the defamation of another person because you do not have the courage to do the right thing and stand up to Mr. Balen?

Remember, he was hired to serve you and the residents of the district. You are not on the board to serve him.

To quote Jeanne Lee, "A caring teacher hands children their passport to the future." Board members: Are you taking away these passports by your refusal to return Mrs. Riebold to her rightful place? Where is your courage and integrity?

RITA WINKLER  
Bartleson

### Clarkin owes Falwell apology

TO THE EDITOR:  
The news media just lost its credibility again. The show "60 Minutes" claimed to quote Jerry Falwell as saying the Teletubbies character Tinky Winky is gay. Columnist Carol Clarkin quoted "60 Minutes" and used that as an excuse to pass judgment on Falwell.

Passing judgment is the very thing for which she shows such hatred of Falwell. Now, it turns out that Dr.

Falwell did not say that Tinky Winky is gay or indulge in "gay-bashing." Ms. Clarkin did, however, indulge in "Falwell-bashing."

I have not heard an apology or retraction from "60 Minutes" for their false, misleading and accusative statements.

Will I hear from Ms. Clarkin?  
CAROL HARMON  
Glen Carbon

### Spineless Senate betrayed America

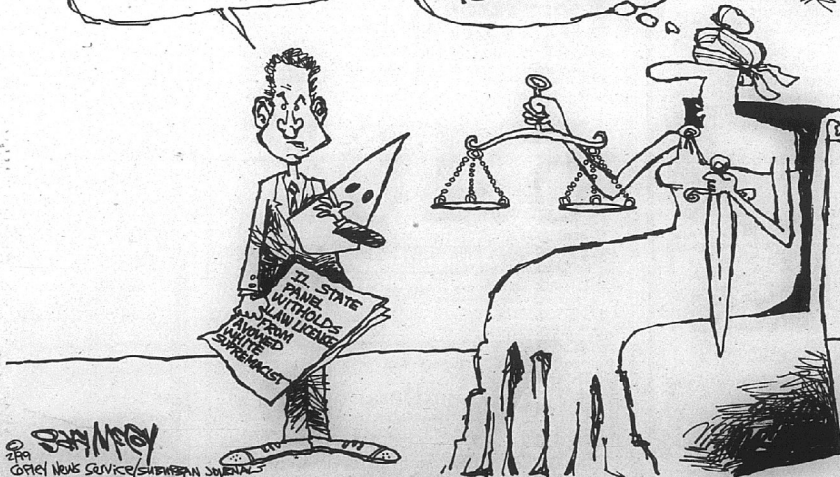
TO THE EDITOR:  
Every red-blooded patriotic American should give a standing ovation to Mr. Henry Hyde and the other House managers in the impeachment trial. They demonstrated the courage and statesmanship to stand against great odds in their efforts to bring justice to a corrupt president.

They presented their case in a fair and professional manner. However, a gutless Senate saw fit to cut the ground beneath them. They were opposed in the Senate, not only by 10 turncoats, but also the White House spin doctors, rigged polls and the biased press.

When history writes the final chapter of this shameful debacle, the House managers will emerge as heroes for they upheld the Constitution with dignity and honor.  
B.W. "BOB" BRINK  
Collinsville

Hey remember  
Justice is blind!

thank God,  
or else I'd have  
to look at that  
racist creep.



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**COTTONWOOD**  
**EDWARDSVILLE**  
Edwardsville, 65  
My Favorite  
7:15  
The Prince  
6:45  
Message in  
6:15, 7:00

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The Rugrats  
Virus (R) 7:00  
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## Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, March 21. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

## CARMIE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 244-7088  
Analyze This (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:05, 9:25  
The King And I (G) 2:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:15  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35

## EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5289  
The King And I (G) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50  
Analyze This (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20  
The Corruptor (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:00  
The Other Sister (PG-13) 1:20, 4:00, 6:50  
Wing Commander (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 6:30

## COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA  
Edwardsville, 556-9390  
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:30, 7:15  
The Prince Of Egypt (PG) 2:00, 6:45  
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00

## LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, 233-0123  
Mighty Joe Young (PG) 1:00  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 3:20  
Virus (R) 7:00, 9:20  
Patch Adams (PG-13) 1:30, 7:15, 9:30  
Office Space (R) 7:10, 9:10

## NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, Granite City, 877-6530

Cruel Intentions (R) 2:00, 7:00  
She's All That (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15, 9:30

## O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, 822-4900  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:40, 8:15  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30  
Cruel Intentions (R) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30  
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25  
200 Cigarettes (R) 9:25  
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45  
October Sky (PG) 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 7:55  
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30  
Sleepmon (PG-13) 7:45  
Payback (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35  
The King And I (G) 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:00  
Wing Commander (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50  
She's All That (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25  
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 2:15, 5:10, 8:10  
Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55  
The Other Sister (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

## QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, 233-1220  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00  
Analyze This (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
True Crime (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
Roxana Cine Theater  
Roxana, 254-6746  
My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:00, 7:00

## ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, Fairview Heights, 398-5383  
Baby Geniuses (PG) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30  
Analyze This (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35  
Analyze This (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
Varsity Blues (R) 1:35, 7:35  
Blair From The East (PG-13) 4:35, 9:55  
8 MM (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45  
True Crime (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
True Crime (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15  
The Corruptor (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25  
Ravenous (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20  
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:50

## SHOWCASE 12

EDWARDSVILLE  
6633 Central Grove Rd., Edwardsville, 639-7469  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50  
The Corruptor (R) 1:20, 4:45, 7:40, 10:05  
Cruel Intentions (R) 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55  
True Crime (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
Analyze This (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
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The Other Sister (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 8:00  
Ravenous (R) 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
Wing Commander (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10  
October Sky (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

## WATERLOO CINEMA

Route 3, Waterloo, 939-9997  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20  
Baby Geniuses (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15  
The Other Sister (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00  
The King And I (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00  
Wing Commander (PG-13) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10  
Analyze This (R) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15  
My Favorite Martian (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00  
Cruel Intentions (R) 7:00  
The Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20

## WEST OLIVE 16

12657 Olive, 514-1616  
Ravenous (R)  
True Crime (R)  
Forces Of Nature (PG-13)  
The King And I (G)  
Carrie 2 (R)  
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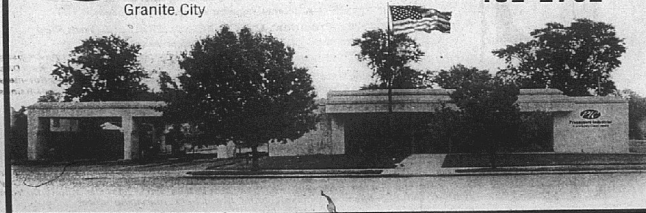
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## Horoscope

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
The moon and Jupiter together in Pisces create a favorable aspect with the sun, Venus and Mercury in Scorpio. Your heart will be quite willing to reach out and connect with all sorts of people, and romantic bonds will be plentiful under these open skies. Be aware that these heavy water influences may inhibit you from setting firm boundaries.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 21). If you felt you were locked into your life last year, this year you'll be sprung from your cell. Key words are independence and freedom. Love bonds are made stronger this month through a renewed commitment to learning. In December, there are gains to your career when you consciously change your pace. Singles find bliss with a Capricorn or Aquarius.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You want a stable love life, but at the same time, you are attracted to the allure of carefree and uncommitted love. The other sister (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 8:00  
Ravenous (R) 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
Wing Commander (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10  
October Sky (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15  
Carrie 2 (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Attracting money is so easy for you now that friends begin to think it's your hobby. Give recognition where it's due, and score points with high achievers. A casual relationship strengthens when you travel together.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A realization will profoundly alter your love life. Time alone will sort it all out. Avoid following a colleague's bad example. Pay a bill now instead of

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later, even if you have to juggle funds a bit. You won't be sorry!

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Time spent with a partner's family is more rewarding than you anticipated. Stop waiting for a windfall, and start pursuing a dream. A person important to your financial status is in a precarious state — approach him or her later.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are free to pursue a new professional agreement and will love the perks that come with it. A loved one makes a concerted effort to be flexible; be appreciative. Keep a rendezvous tonight or a lover's angry. Only bet on a sure thing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once you're clear about an arrangement, take confidence in knowledge. Second-guessing is the fastest way to kill a love affair. And on lesser issues, it's better to be wrong and enjoy yourself than to be unhappy right.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If that romantic entanglement is still happening because of your

historical beliefs, why not rewrite history? You are innovative in your finances this weekend, but don't use this as an excuse to go beyond your means.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Give your heart to someone you understand and trust. Exceptionally bright individuals have opinions that rub off. Planning a getaway is actually less conducive to love than a project that requires hard work of you and a lover.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may need to take a break and decide what to do next. Employment is lucrative but not particularly satisfying. Solicit a colleague's advice on a creative project. Make peace with a long-stranded friend.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Shop for (but don't yet buy) what you've had your eye on. An Aquarius or Libra can swing the deal your way. The results you've been waiting for seem aptly cinematic but only because you drive yourself so hard.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nothing intimidates you. Overcome a minor setback with just a bit of ingenuity. Make room in your busy schedule for an old friend. A raise or bonus puts something you've long coveted within reach. Love warms you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A loved one may irritate you seemingly without provocation. However, you are more in tune than you give yourself credit for being. Your grave sharing and will settle for nothing superficial.

## 'The Rage: Carrie 2' isn't what horror movies should be about

By Brian Kaller  
Staff writer

"The Rage: Carrie 2" opens one rainy night with a girl filled with candles, where a woman mumbling about Satan is painting red streaks on her walls while her tiny daughter looks on.

The woman is a religious fanatic possessed by Satan. Soon, the woman is wheeled into an ambulance in a straightjacket, as a paramedic talks with the little girl in the rain. Why all the candles? Why don't they turn on the light? Why the red streaks on the walls? Why don't the paramedic and the little girl

just talk inside where it's dry? Don't bother asking, for it makes no more sense than anything else in this movie.

We flash forward 12 years, and the little girl, Rachel Berg (Emily Bergl), is now an attractive but outcast high school student. She lives with the latest in a long string of foster parents, and her only friends are classmates Lisa (Mena Suvari) and her dog. The movie then sets about destroying each of these things slowly and cruelly.

When Lisa's first lover, a member of the football team, turns out to only have been playing a cruel game, she jumps off the roof of the school and crashes onto a car below. It is indicative of the spirit of this movie that, rather than discreetly cutting to wincing

onlookers, the camera lingers lovingly on the smashed face from the other side of the windshield.

One of the only benevolent people in the film is Mrs. Snell (Amy Irving), the sole survivor of the 1976 original and the feeble justification for calling the movie "Carrie 2." Now a guidance counselor, Snell tries to reach out to Rachel but notices that cups and windows shatter when she gets mad, a fact that has escaped everyone else at the school.

Snell does some research and visits Rachel's mother in the mental asylum, but finds out that Rachel's mother had an affair with a man with the last name of White. Piecing together the truth, Snell takes Rachel to the ruins of the old Bates High, which after 23 years have become torn down, and tells her the story of the first movie.

"You and Carrie White are sisters!" Snell says. "You had the same father! And your talent is genetic! It's a recessive gene on the male Y chromosome!"

Of course, this is preposterous to anyone with a limited knowledge of biology, but this speech demands more basic questions:

- How did Snell come to have this genetic information?
- By the laws of evolution, wouldn't a useful trait like telekinesis be dominant?
- What are the odds that the same secretly telekinetic womanizer would successfully impregnate two rural religious fanatics in the same town 23 years apart?

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# Every child is a precious bundle of joy from above

God gave us a tiny angel, straight from heaven above. And looking into my sweet child's precious face, I have experienced a love, the overwhelming love of motherhood. To me this joyous revelation is enough to understand even greater the depths of a heavenly Father's love for us.

What a beautiful miracle you created, Lord, in our little Lauren Grace. May I be worthy of this precious gift you have bestowed upon me. May you give me the wisdom and strength to harvest this new life to bring forth much fruit.

Help me introduce her to your wondrous beauty and your glorious ways. When there is a conflict, let me cradle her with love, shower her with affection and nurture her to peace. And, most importantly, to always guide her closer and closer to You.

I watch her as she peacefully sleeps in her bassinet. Only two days old, she has already brought so much joy and love into our home. I don't know how we lived without her. Now every breath is for her, her care, her happiness and well being.

All children are a blessing, a visible thought of God, a fresh and radiant bud of wonderful possibilities. They look to us for guidance and thrive on our love, wisdom and support. Influence the life of a child and you influence the world.

Embrace the first moments, days and months of your child's life. Father of two, reader Terry Polonsky recommends: "Read to your newborn, play music and talk to them as much as you can. I

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

believe that 80 percent of what they are is developed within the first six months of their life."

Parent, grandparent, friend or neighbor, you can be a positive role model for the little ones and help to guide them to a richer, fuller life. A small gesture, a bit of encouragement, a bright smile can give them hope.

Set the example for kids to follow. When they see you lending a helping hand, speaking a kind word or giving a hug you show them the importance of kindness and the power of love. Children learn what they see lived.

Tami Kniffin wrote via e-mail: "I would sit and rock my babies, watching them sleep, never wanting to put them down because I felt as long as I was holding them they could feel the love I had for them and know that I would always be there for them."

As our child rests in my arms, one tiny, unblemished, pure soul, my heart is captured. I watch her in amazement, sleeping contently and breathing deeply.

She has her father's blue eyes with feather-soft eyelashes, porcelain skin, and lots of dark brown hair. Though her hands are tiny, they hold within them the future of our happiness and the potential of all her precious dreams.

Never have a felt closer to God than now. He knows how helpless we sometimes are and now I know how greatly His love desires to protect us.

No woman is more blessed than I am. Already this child has begun to bring out in me the depths of awareness of totally self sacrificing love, how to care for another far above my own self, and shown me the values of God's love. By her presence, our joys are enriched, expanded and heaven-blessed.

To watch her daddy so confidently holding her in his long arms, determined to protect, provide and guide, my heart overflows with thanksgiving and my love for him doubled.

God has given abundantly above all I could ask or think. Here so that I, I believe that miracles, no matter how inexplicable or unbelievable, are real and can come true.

God, thank you for this blessing. And may God give you, dear readers, the courage to ask for your heart's desires. For as you honor Him, He will honor you.

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## Personnel meet

Retired Office Personnel of Granite City School District 9 meets on a monthly basis at various restaurants throughout the Granite City area. Those in attendance at the recent March meeting were, front row, from left, Zoe Mitchell, Lucille Caban, Millie Chandler, Frieda Andrews, Helen Favier; back row, Barbara Larner, Dorothy Larner, Gladys Wallace, Marge Burdge, Annette Landman, Barbara Dickerson, Barbara Schreiber, Berta Millanis, Marcelle Pilcher, Arlene Haldeman.

## Trio homemakers hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of the Trio Homemaking club was held at Hope Lutheran Church March 2.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Huber, who led the pledge to the American flag. A delicious soup-and-salad luncheon was prepared and served by Pauline Nichols, Emma Jakich, Catherine Prusak, Vera Kirkpatrick and Juanita McCarty.

Secretary Roberta Cottrell read the roll call, with three guests, Dody Klenke, Billie Houba and Wilma Jones, present. A total of 27 members were in attendance.

Huber demonstrated crafts that could be constructed that would be appropriate to use during the Easter holidays. Huber will have supplies at the May craft meeting that could be used for these crafts. Dorothy Cramer explained another attractive Easter craft that be constructed easily.

Roberta Cottrell read the minutes of the February meeting. Treasurer Barbara Phelps read the total amount in the treasury. A motion was made to continue to pay Hope Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities for Trio's meetings.

## St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality meets at school cafeteria

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality was held in the school cafeteria Feb. 23 with the President, Maggie Groboski, presiding. A total of 42 members attended, including new member, Karen Jakich. Father Tom led the group in prayer.

Prior to the business session, Christy Pursell, executive director of the Good Samaritan House, spoke regarding how the shelter is set up and the services provided. She distributed brochures listing volunteer opportunities available and a wish list.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary, Mary Evelyn Yenko, and approved as read. Treasurer Marilyn Hahn, gave the financial report for January.

The Church Women United World Day of Prayer was to be held at First United Presbyterian Church, it was announced.

Reports came from the following chairs: Lucille Friedrich, membership, reported 40 paid-up members; Agnes Friedel reported that 90 men attended the Men's Communion Breakfast, prepared by the Ladies Sodality. Joyce Alexander has chosen the fellowship ladies to serve with her on the Scholarship Committee: Millie Noth, Lucille Friedrich, and Peggy Law.

The Palm Sunday bake sale chair, Peggy Law, asked members to furnish flour needed to bake the bread and contribute bakery items: Nursing Home Angels program chair Jan Polach thanked the ladies who have volunteered to be angels. Nancy Norris, annual bazaar chair, is in the process of getting booth chairs and scheduled a meeting of those interested in participating, following the regular meeting.

Cindy Whitt, school liaison, announced that school registration for grades K-4 will be March 24, while grades 5-8 will be March 25.

The president reminded members of the Annual DCCW Women's Retreat at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield.

St. Elizabeth Parish will participate in the Christmas in April project. St. Elizabeth's Day will be April 24th. Tammi Mooshegian will chair this project, assisted by Peggy Law, Lou Lyerla, Berta Millanis, and Nancy Norris.

Ladies Sodality voted to distribute funds to the Good Samaritan House, as well as contribute to their wish list. President Groboski announced that confirmation will take place Monday, April 26.

Prizes awarded were: attendance, Ann Barry; pot of gold, Catherine Ponce; Madonna, Agnes Friedel; and quilt of the month, Anita Winters.

Jan Polach closed the meeting with a poem.

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## SunRi should Violations

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Owners of a community nursing home should facility, say official watchdog group.

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based in Godfrey a membership of more than 100 members. The group will recommend the nursing home should not force residents to leave. SunRise Care & Rehabilitation, 1095 University Drive, Virolette King is president.

Nursing Home Monitors hopes to act as a watchdog group to keep the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration from terminating its Medicaid benefits for 41 citations in the past 12 months for deficiencies.

"Sun Health Care should sell the facility and place a 24-hour monitoring service," said. "Or, (the corporation) should be fined \$400,000."

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# SunRise nursing home owners should sell out, group says

## Violations, abuse may cost facility federal aid

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Owners of a controversial nursing home should sell their facility, say officials of a local watchdog group.

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Nursing Home Monitors, which is based in Godfrey and has a membership of more than 500, will recommend that a judge not force residents out of SunRise Care & Rehabilitation, 1095 University Drive.

Violette King is president of Nursing Home Monitors, which hopes to act as a third party at a preliminary hearing, possibly in late April.

SunRise has received a temporary restraining order to keep the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration from terminating its Medicare and Medicaid benefits because of 41 citations in the past six months for deficient health care.

"(Sun Health Care Group) should sell the facility and place a 24-hour monitor there until the sale occurs," King said. "Or, (the corporation) should be fined \$400,000,

payable within 30 days, and place facility-paid monitors there for 24 hours per day for three months."

But Rob Hoff of Edwardsville, whose father lives at SunRise, has done extensive research on the situation. He said the home has quality care and that federal inspectors haven't been fair in their assessments.

"Why not avoid all this by continuing to work with the home to reach compliance?" Hoff asked.

He added that HCFA first threatened to decertify the home's Medicare and Medicaid benefits in early March and directed state inspectors not to return, despite the claim by home officials that all citations had been fixed.

Ninety-four of the homes' 130 residents would be affected by benefits being eliminated. Nine residents receive Medicare and 85 benefit from Medicaid.

The home, named University Manor until the SunRise buyout in 1997, has been charged by federal inspectors with 17 citations alone which fall under the agency's rare level of placing residents in "actual harm." These offenses

range from inadequate staffing to dehydration of residents to physical, mental and sexual abuse of residents, King said.

Hoff said 40 of the 41 citations were isolated incidents and that understaffing was the only "pattern" problem. However, he said SunRise does exceed the state requirement for staffers. He claims that the federal requirement, which the home doesn't meet, is "subjective and not based on any formula."

Meanwhile, King said the infractions were not as minor as the Sun Health Care officials and Hoff contend.

"Some infractions placed residents in immediate jeopardy, while others caused actual harm," she said.

King said her group began investigating SunRise last August after receiving a complaint about the circumstances surrounding the death of a 62-year-old developmentally disabled resident.

Joseph Wanos died of a bacterial infection in his blood system and was allegedly not taken to the hospital until he had a 107-degree temperature.



## Helping hands

Girl Scout Brownie Troops 609 and 414 from Prather Elementary School in Granite City recently organized a food drive for the Tri-City area Salvation Army. Contributions went to feed the hungry throughout Granite City, Madison and Venice. The Troop 609 leader is Janet Jones and Troop 414 leaders are Mindy Hettwer and Tanya Stille.

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## Milestones

Lisa Dillard celebrates a birthday today, March 21.

Amy Boring celebrates a birthday today, March 21.

Pauline "Doggie" Corzine celebrates a birthday today, March 21.

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Charles and Anna Mae Rhonda celebrate their wedding anniversary March 21.

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# Employment, educational options given to displaced workers

By Angela Mueller  
Staff writer

Several local agencies joined forces recently to present employment and education options to displaced workers. The Employment Partnership Informational Session held at the Holiday Inn in Alton brought together the Madison County Employment and Training Department, the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, the River Bend Growth Association and Lewis and Clark Community College. These organizations provided information about benefits available to area displaced workers as well as about area training, educational and placement services.

A representative from each organization briefly explained its services, then the workers had an opportunity to meet individually with representatives. Mike Dreith, associate dean of liberal arts and business at LCCC, said the session was a success.

"We didn't know whether to expect 200 people or 20," Dreith said. "If we keep 20 people in the Alton area with good jobs, all the effort that went into this is worth it."

About 20 displaced area workers took part Tuesday.

Dreith said he also appreciated the community spirit that went into organizing such an event.

"It feels good to know that you can get such a diverse group of people to work together because they all really want to help the community," he said.

Dena McVey, a physical therapist who has been looking for work since December, said she appreciated the convenience of having the

various agencies providing service and information in one location.

"Trying to go out and look for information by yourself is hard to do when you need to spend your time looking for a job," she said. "Having it all

in one place and being able to spend just one afternoon here is very helpful."

McVey expressed interest in further computer training as well as in Work Keys, a job skills assessment being made available by LCCC.

The Work Keys assessment will be provided free of charge on Thursday at the Holiday Inn. The assessment measures workers' skills in math, writing and applied technology and can aid workers in selecting occupations that

match their interests and skills. "This assessment is for you to know what your skills and abilities are," said Karen Putnam. "A real benefit of it is, it provides a common work force language between you

and a potential employer." The Work Keys assessment will begin at noon Thursday and will take approximately four hours. Anyone interested in completing the assessment should contact Karen Putnam at LCCC.

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## Alton skate park plan unveiled

By Linda N. Weller  
Staff writer

Supporters of building an Alton skateboarding park for the area's young people unveiled a proposed plan Wednesday night at an Alton City Council meeting.

The plan was about 18 months in coming, after city officials directed the skateboarding enthusiasts to bring them a proposal that included details about insurance and funding construction and upkeep of a park.

Aldermen took no action and did not make any comments on the proposal after the presentation.

Michael Holliday Jr., president of Young Democrats of Madison County, presented designs of an outdoor rink for inline skating and roller hockey, ramps and rails of varying difficulty and an area that could be developed later.

The 285,000-square-foot park also would have a structure for birthday parties and other events, said Holliday.

Holliday said the skate park could be built on the top of an old, now unused landfill the city owns at the corner of Alby Street and Industrial Drive.

Estimated cost is \$87,000, with the young "skaters" helping raise money and doing some of the painting and other labor, he said.

Holliday said some funding could come from Community Development grant money and donations from individuals, local organizations and businesses.

Admission to the park would be \$2 per person, he said. In order to skate, each guest would have to sign a waiver relieving the city of responsibility for any injuries that he or she might suffer.

Holliday also said the park would be closed during school hours so it would not encourage truancies. It also would not be open during the wintertime when skating would be hazardous.

Several teen-age residents and adults urged the aldermen to provide a place for young people to skate so they do not have to use city streets and sidewalks, which is against the law and dangerous.

The speakers acknowledged that the sport has a negative image, but said it is derived from so-called "renegades."

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## Maroons' Hasenstab has compiled impressive statistics

After the Chicago Marshall High School girls basketball team won a record seventh IHSA Class AA championship, it became litany time for coach Dorothy Gaters.

The numbers recited included 659 victories in 24 seasons, seven state crowns since 1982, 16 finishes of fourth or higher and an average of more than 27 wins per season compared to less than three defeats annually.

Yet, while considering such numbers, I wondered just how tough the Chicago Public League has been down through the years.

That's also why I was so impressed when I glanced at the all-time Illinois High School Association baseball coaching records which indicate without a doubt that Belleville West has a Hall of Fame coach in Chuck Hasenstab.

In 32 seasons as the Maroons coach, Hasenstab has compiled a record of 571-298 with his titles including 10 Southwestern Conference championships, 10 regionals and five sectionals.

His teams have reached the state finals five times with second-place finishes in 1973 and '92.

Hasenstab, who turned 59 on March 10, still shows the same vigor in his 33rd season at West (he was an assistant to Al "Boots" Budde in 1966) as he did in 1959 when he signed out of Cathedral High as an infielder with the Milwaukee Braves.

Among the players in the minors with Hasenstab in the early '60s was Braves bonus baby Joe Torre, who lost weight to make it to the major leagues.

Hasenstab, meanwhile, nearly lost a knee to a take-out slide on a double play. Had it not been for the injury that sidelined his pro career, there's no telling what numbers Hasenstab might have rung up in pro ball. Meanwhile, his record — including state appearances in 1973, '84, '92, '93 and '97 — is most impressive.

As for the 571 victories, they place him ahead of Tom Fife (569), the retired coach of 1998 state champ Edwardsville, and in seventh place on the win list for Illinois prep coaches.

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Art Voellinger  
**Sports Views**



Tim Stephenson photo

The four captains for the Granite City girls soccer team this spring are, from left, Erika Todd, Crystal Cavins, Felicia Mohsen and Melissa Montgomery.

## Warriors set lofty goals

Granite City plans to make noise in postseason

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City coach Gene Baker calls them his "quadra-caps" — the four-girl phalanx that will lead the Warriors into battle this spring.

Melissa Montgomery, Felicia Mohsen, Crystal Cavins and Erika Todd each will have the role of captain this spring for a team taking aim at the IHSA state tournament.

"Those captains will be our leaders," Baker said. "All of them have rich experience and they have done a good job. Melissa, of course, returns as

an all-state player. Felicia only got to play a couple of games last year because she injured her knee, but she is a player, she is a good player. She is going to help us. Crystal is coming off of an injury, but she will be ready. "Erika Todd has a myriad of talent. She started off strong for us last year. We did use her a lot last year as a sophomore, so she has invaluable experience. She has grown a little bit and I think she is starting to mature as a player in other aspects of the game."

That foursome is set but Baker is still filling some of

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## Warriors endure interesting season

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors entry in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association started slow this past season, dropping four of their first six games.

But as the season progressed, and as Greg Pritchard worked his way into the lineup, the effort picked up, even when the results weren't there to show it.

"Overall, one thing I was real happy about was the way we came together as a team at the end," Warriors coach Dave Yurkovich said. "I think we

Suhre, Pritchard expected to lead returning players next season for Mid-States team

lacked a little bit of work ethic in the beginning, but as the year went on, the kids started to get a little more geared up for the playoffs."

The thing that stood out in the playoffs was the performance of sophomore goaltender Brian Reese. The Warriors lost both games to Chaminade in the opening round, but in the first contest — a 5-0 loss — Reese stopped 52 of 57 shots by the

tournament's No. 2-seeded team. "It was very disappointing to have to play Chaminade, but it was a great accomplishment for Brian Reese and what he did in the first game against them," Yurkovich said. "It goes to show what he has if he wants to put his mind to it. He's got two more years with us; he'll be a junior next year. So that was a very big positive for us to see that Brian was capable of playing

that way. And toward the end of the season he did pick up his game considerably.

"I think last year Matt (Wojciechowski) was kind of the leader for Brian and Matt played a lot more for Brian last year. But this year, I think Brian took it upon himself to be better and he was and he got more ice time. Brian's confidence plays a big part with him. I think when he goes out and he is confident with himself he can play well. If he gets down on himself he is too hard on himself and he lets it get to him. He'll mature and

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## Angle earns Mid-States/Blues Alumni award

Senior honored for athletic, academic excellence

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The angel on the shoulder of Mike Angle came through, as the senior defenseman for the Granite City Warriors was rewarded for a high-school career of hard work, academic and athletic excellence, and community service.

Angle received the 1999 Mid-States Club Hockey Association/St. Louis Blues Alumni Scholarship, becoming the first hockey player from Illinois to win the honor.

"He was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "We recommended him to the league. They give it away

every year, but this is the first time a kid from Granite City has ever received this award. I felt very confident that he would get the scholarship and he did. The work ethic that he provides is just phenomenal. He is just constantly on the up-and-up, he's never down. He deserved that scholarship and he'll get to use that money for college."

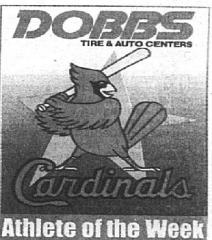
Angle was very positive when he was informed about the award.

"I was incredibly excited," Angle said. "My mom answered the phone at first and I picked it up and he said,

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Accepting the Mid-States Club Hockey Association/St. Louis Blues Alumni Scholarship Awards for 1999 from former Blues player Blake Dunlop, center, were Ryan Fedyk of Pattonville, left, and Mike Angle of Granite City.



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## Sports

# Cougars not deterred from their No.1 goal

Despite losses to ranked foes, SIUE eyes another GLVC crown

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's tennis team has already lost as many matches (four) in the early part of the 1999 season as it had all of last season when it finished 14-4.

But that is not going to deter the goals of the team for a third consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference

championship.

The Cougars won the conference title the past two seasons. They were 9-1 in the league last year with the only loss coming against Southern Indiana. But SIUE-Edwardsville came back to beat Southern Indiana 5-0 in the finals of the conference tournament.

SIUE-Edwardsville opened this season with an 8-1 victory over Northwest Missouri State University but then lost matches against Drury (5-1), Southwest Baptist (5-1), West Florida (6-1) and Spring Hill (5-4).

"Drury, Southwest Baptist and West Florida are all ranked teams," Cougars coach Bill Logan said. "West Florida was ranked sixth in the nation in (NCAA) Division II last season. We've played some tough competition on the road before and come out and done well. I think we can do that again."

The Cougars have a number of solid returning players, led by Mike Reither, a former Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 4A doubles champion while at St. Louis University High. Reither,

who transferred from Truman State University, shared the No. 1 spot last season with Jason Stephens, who has graduated and is now an assistant coach at SIUE-Edwardsville.

Reither was the Most Valuable Player in the conference and an Academic All-American.

"Mike is a power player," Logan said. "He has a big forehand and a big serve."

Junior Justin Lombard (O'Fallon) is playing No. 2 singles while freshman Joel Stanfield (Morton) is at No. 3

singles.

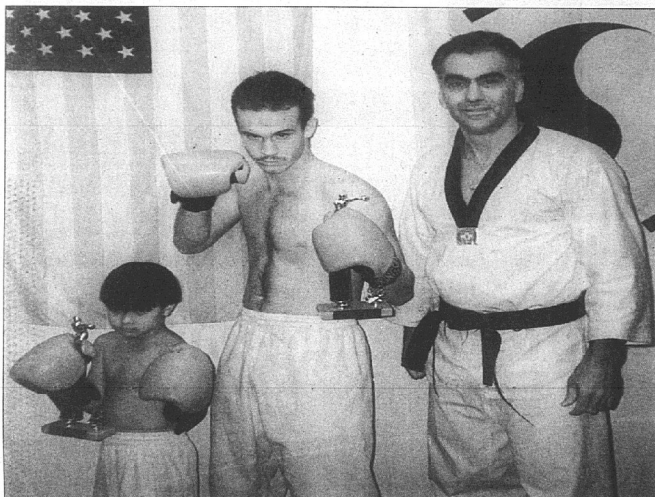
Senior Keith Harvie (Belleville East) has the best record of the early season. He is 2-0 at No. 4 singles and 1-0 at No. 6 singles.

Junior Laramie Gavin (Civic Memorial) and freshman Chad Kukorola (O'Fallon) round out the singles lineup. Kukorola teamed with Kevin Alford last season at O'Fallon to finish sixth in the IHSA Class state doubles competition.

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SIUE-Edwardsville coach



Ryan Horn, left, and Frank Perri, middle, represented Mitchell & McAuther's School of Tae Kwon Do in an event at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus. Both were victorious — Horn in his debut and Perri via first-round knockout.

## Granite City kickboxers post wins in event at Knights of Columbus

Ryan Horn and Frank Perri recorded victories Jan. 16 in an amateur kickboxing event at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus.

Both Horn and Perri are students at the Mitchell & McAuther School of Tae Kwon Do in Granite City.

Horn, 6, was making his full-contact kickboxing debut and won by unanimous decision.

Perri, 15, won his match by first-round knockout against Gerald Black of O'Fallon.

### Price wins honors

Kacie Price won first place all-around in the Level 8 12-and-under division at the Kentucky Classic Gymnastics Meet.

Price posted an overall score of 36.55 to win top honors. She placed first on the balance beam (9.2), first on the vault (9.55), second on the uneven bars (8.8) and third on the floor exercise (8.95).

Price was a Level 6 state champion last year.

### Wrestling standout

Kam McGovern of the Granite City Wrestling Club won the Missouri National Challenge and the most pins award by a champion in the bantam division.

### Swimming standouts

Lincoln College freshman Paul Yehling swam personal best times and earned All-American second-team honors at the 25th annual National Junior College Athletic Association National Swimming and Diving meet, hosted by Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Josh Wegrzyn of Highland set a new national record in the 200-yard backstroke event. He dropped seven seconds off his qualifying time by winning in only 1:48.11. Wegrzyn also

tied a 10-year-old national record of 49.93 in the 100-yard backstroke.

Lincoln College coach Dan Hemenway was named Men's Swimming Coach of the Year by NJCAA officials. The Lynx finished second to Indian River.

### Soccer club

Metro FC, a youth select soccer club based in Edwardsville, has announced dates for the second season of the Metro FC Instructional Soccer League. The Metro FC Instructional League is offered to all boys and girls who are currently in grades 1-4.

Players can play in the IYSA sanctioned instructional league as well as other recreational or select leagues. All games and training sessions for this in-house program beginning in March take place at the Metro FC Soccer Complex on the campus of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

League training will be conducted by Metro FC coaching Directors and USSF ("A") licensed coaches Dale Schilly and Dave Fernandez and staffed by other Metro FC coaches.

Training will be on Wednesday nights and games will be on Sundays.

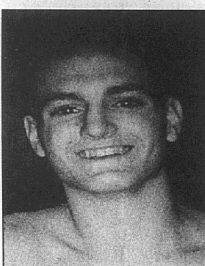
The program is designed to provide appropriate training to initial stages of development and provide quality players additional insight to continue their development.

The program has limited enrollment. For more information on registration please call Dale Schilly or Dave Fernandez at the Metro FC office at (618) 667-8333 or e-mail the office at metrofc@aol.com.

### Family Sportsplex

The following events are scheduled at the Family Sportsplex, 2345 Mascoutah Ave. in Belleville:

- A clinic for basketball officials, set for the end of



Josh Wegrzyn of Highland helped Lincoln College finish second in the National Junior College Athletic Association swimming championships.

March. The clinic will teach official skills needed to obtain an Illinois license.

- Junior high and high school basketball tournaments each month in 1999. Spring league sessions are also forming for this age group.

- Adult basketball leagues for men and women. The season runs from April through June.

- Summer day camps (breakfast is available).

- A basketball clinic, set for 9 a.m. to noon each day on May 3, 10, 17 and 24. This is for boys and girls ages 6-7 and 8-9. The cost for four 90-minute sessions is \$20.

For more information on any event at the Family Sportsplex, call 277-7111.

### Golf tourney

The fourth annual Little Devils Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, June 13 at Tamarack Country Club in Shiloh.

For information, call Ed Dintelman (277-9454), Steve Gehrs (234-3371) or Mike Meehan (235-4877).

## Bowling results

CAMELOT BOWL	
Week of Feb. 13 Men's High Series	
G. Asbury	755
R. Bilderback	749
R. Gardner Jr.	728
R. Thorson	726
M. Paule	720
B. Bates	717
O. Kaup	717
G. Brodtkie	716
S. Cook	709
N. Storm	698
B. Viviano	694
J. Adamson	694
D. Carter	694
Week of Feb. 13 Men's High Game	
G. Asbury	290
R. Bilderback	290
R. Cherry Sr.	290
A. Hartman	279
R. Gardner Jr.	279
D. Carter	278
K. Miller	278
M. Bartlett	276
A. Thie	263
B. Hartman	267
Week of Feb. 13 Women's High Series	
M.R. Hunter	647
V. Durlay	624
D. Manker	618
V. Dickerson	610
T. Short	600
J. Lembecke	596
A. Purdes	587
T. Klingemann	571
L. Robertson	571
R. Hayes	563
R. Brough	541
Week of Feb. 13 Women's High Games	
V. Durlay	244
V. Dickerson	235
D. Manker	235
L. Robertson	228
C. Schmissner	224
L. Lembecke	224
T. Klingemann	209
C. Heller	207
Week of Feb. 11 Senior Men's High Series Thursday	
Rich Klein	679
Bob Emery	614
Week of Feb. 11 Senior Men's High Games Monday	
Rich Klein	244
Bob Emery	223
Bob Robertson	233
Ralph Kroder	232
Week of Feb. 11 Senior Women's High Series Thursday	
Virginia Lynch	575
Gloria Chapman	528
Week of Feb. 11 Senior Women's High Games Monday	
Virginia Lynch	214
Gloria Chapman	205
Evelyn Spotto	201
Kay Schurtz	192
Week of Feb. 12 Youth High Series Friday A League	
Chris Hartman	347
Jeremy Danheiser	337
Jackie Bean	333
Deanna Chamberlin	281
Friday B League	
Stephen McGhigly	247
V.J. Furlaro	217
Erin Dickey	239
Dayna Bohnenstiel	205
Bumpers	
Wesley Burns	206
Cory Santlieban	199
Katie Beauchamp	201
Jessica Jacobs	190
Prep Girls	
Amber Fournie	209
Steve Heimbeck	199
Prep Boys	
Blake Boyer	243
Jeremy Fleming	195
Juniors	
Andrew Bauer	599
Jimmy Clark	529
Rachel Spiker	595
Heather Clanney	530
High School	
Kyle Murphy	599
Doug Ridgeway	583
Matt Briggs	583
Deanne Trost	550
Misty Murphy	284
Week of Feb. 12 Youth High Games Friday A League	
Chris Hartman	206
James Elbert	194
Jackie Bean	178
Deanna Chamberlin	169
Friday B League	
Stephen McGhigly	156
V.J. Furlaro	133
Erin Dickey	134
Sammie Farris	123
Bumpers	
Wesley Burns	113
Cory Santlieban	111
Katie Beauchamp	110
Jessica Jacobs	107
Prep Girls	
Steve Heimbeck	112
Amber Fournie	110
Prep Boys	
Blake Boyer	123
Jeremy Fleming	108
Juniors	
Andrew Bauer	235
Joe Durlay	203
Rachel Spiker	240
Heather Clanney	221
High School	
Kyle Murphy	217
Doug Ridgeway	212
Deanne Trost	211
Misty Murphy	116
Week of Feb. 14 Parent/Youth High Series Men	
Darin Yureck	645
Chuck Bauer	628
Women	
Kelly Thomas	454
Donna Esterline	452
Boys	
Paul Maloney	411
Nathan Grote	373
Girls	
Jeanne Peyla	395
Krystal Tobin	311
Week of Feb. 14 Parent/Youth High Games Men	
Darin Yureck	236
Don Oberneufelman	222
Women	
Yvonne Bright	175
Donna Esterline	171
Boys	
Robin Yureck	161
Paul Maloney	146
Girls	
Jeanne Peyla	134
Krystal Tobin	111

## Baseball rules meeting brings Hylsky, discussion of strike zone

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### Extra innings

Joining Hasenstab at the recent IHSA baseball rules meeting at West was Norb Hylsky of Collinsville, who will retire this spring after 49 years of officiating.

A veteran of football, basketball, softball and baseball officiating, the 76-year-old credits retired official Charlie Guller of Belleville for getting him started.

A retired air conditioning specialist, Hylsky also credits his wife of 50 years, Helen (nee Dusek) of Fairmont City, for her support through all the seasons.

### Striking out

While the major leagues are headed toward

all kinds of problems related to the coming season's expanded strike zone, fans of high school baseball should be aware of Article 1 in the baseball rule book, which reads:

"The strike zone is that space over home plate, the top of which is halfway between the batter's shoulders and waistline, and the bottom being the knees when the batter assumes his natural batting stance."

A note indicates: "The height of the strike zone is determined by the batter's normal batting stance. If he crouches or leans over to make the shoulder line lower, the umpire determines height by what would be the batter's normal stance."

Among the controversial rules that remain for Illinois high school teams are that a team can continue to play with eight players if due to injury; and during the postseason, the home team will be decided by a coin flip rather than by having the higher seed.



# Collinsville returns plenty of scoring punch

Siegel graduated, but many others return from state quarterfinal team

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

There's no doubt Collinsville lost firepower when Tasha Siegel graduated.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Siegel, who took her skills to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, left Collinsville as the school's all-time and single-season goal-scoring record-holder.

But Collinsville coach Deana Wallace still thinks her team will pack plenty of offensive punch this spring.

CHS returns Cara LeMaster, Amanda Kirksey, Christen Locandro and Kelly Bowling, who combined for 28 goals and 29 assists last year. Those four took some of the scoring pressure off Siegel and helped the Kahoks reach the state quarterfinals in the IHSA Class AA tournament last year.

"Tasha was of course our leading scorer, but we still had several other players in double digits in scoring last year," Wallace said. "I look to them to continue this year as well. We have many players who moved up who scored many goals for (junior varsity) Coach (Ron) Rowden. As far as goal-scoring, I guess you could say we have plenty. We have a lot of players that can put the ball into the net."

LeMaster finished second behind Siegel in goal scoring last year. She tallied 15 goals and dished out seven assists. She most likely will garner the most defensive attention from other teams.

"She is a little bit quicker than Tasha was, so with her quickness, she should hopefully be able to overcome those type of marks," Wallace said. "She plays well. She is able to dish the ball off and help out her

teammates even though she has players on her."

LeMaster's assist total does not accurately reflect her ability to make plays from her wing-midfield position — plays that eventually would result in another player passing to Siegel for the score.

Bowling returns as the leading playmaker from a year ago. She had just one goal but assisted on 11 others. Depth is another highlight of the 1999 Kahoks. Last season, Wallace gave plenty of players a chance to contribute to the team, and it paid off. Fourteen different players scored at least one goal a year ago, and 17 different registered at least one point.

Once again, Wallace will not be afraid to promote junior varsity players who excel. Jaime Melro is a prime example from last year, when she contributed one goal and two assists in spot time on the

varsity. "Right now, everything is up for grabs, and I told the girls that (Wednesday)," Wallace said. "I'm trying different things in practice, and right now besides the goalkeepers, I don't really have any set positions yet."

"We will find different things about different players and where they can play in the first couple of games. I told them you may be normally a striker, but I may play you at the midfield, or just the opposite. I'm going to play them at a position that is going to best help out the team."

These girls can adjust. They can play many different positions on the field. That is what I like about the Collinsville program that brings these girls up. They make them play other positions. I have a lot of decisions to make."

Defensively, the Kahoks

have much of their nucleus back with Mandy Camillo, Jessica Duckworth and Kelly Althardt returning.

The Kahoks did lose senior goalie Mandy Waitukaitis to graduation, but Wallace likes the battle between juniors Angie Parker and Stacy Deluca for the starting goalkeeper's spot.

"They are neck-and-neck," Wallace said. "They both have different strengths to their game. So far in our practices and tryouts, both of them are looking very good. I can tell they came to play this year. Again, who is going to have the starting role? I don't know. I may alternate them. I really don't know yet. It might be a decision I make game day."

The Kahoks open their 1999 schedule with a 6 p.m. non-conference battle against O'Fallon.

Collinsville's ultimate goal is to better last year's state quarterfinal appearance. "These ladies know what it takes to get to that level, and

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Deana Wallace  
Collinsville coach  
on repeating '98 success

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## Warriors set lofty goals for postseason success

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the holes in the Warriors roster.

"We haven't settled on a complete varsity group yet," Baker said. "There are some of them that are competing hard for things that will fit in. Debra Aaron is another senior who looks to see a lot of time, as will (Brandi) Ficker. All the seniors will be playing. Jamie Raub has the good left foot."

"The sophomores were a very strong group of freshmen last year. Ashley Burdge has made great progress; Laura Canada returns as a varsity player. Jolene Harris scored our first goal of the season last year, a game-winner against Incarnate Word. Ashley Murphy did not get to play last year for medical reasons, but she gives us some depth in goal. Shannon Paoli has made

great progress. Jessica Vasilioff was a good varsity player and letter-winner last year, but she is very good now. Christina Withers was a starter all year last year as a freshman.

"The two freshmen who have made the varsity are Erin Tyler, who could be a starter, and Kelly Mitchell, who will vie for a starting spot. Both of them play good defense. They also distribute the ball well and their work ethic is beyond that of a freshman."

"We probably will open up with Ousley and Todd up front. Erika is a good scorer. If Keri is ready to go, she will be on one wing. Amber Hubert has four years of varsity experience, she is a good player. She can score, she can play defense, she can do it all. Those will probably be the starters up front."

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Gene Baker  
Granite City coach

middle with someone else. "Natalie Judge had a little bit of an off year last year, but she has great potential. She was an outstanding freshman for us. If Natalie gets herself game-fit, we get even better. She distributes the ball real well and has a great attitude."

"Melissa Montgomery would lead the backfield right now, but we have a bunch of experience back there in Brandi Ficker and Crystal Cavins. Christina Withers can play all three areas of the field, and the two freshmen are capable of playing back there. Jamie Raub can score some goals for us. It's going to be an interesting year."

Last year ended in disappointment with a shootout loss to Edwardsville in an IHSA sectional playoff game. But it also was a period of growth in the program as several players got invaluable varsity playing time.

"We were very young, but we return so many now," Baker said. "We only lost four players. We expect to go somewhere in the playoffs. We don't know when, but this is going to be a good team. We hope to minimize our bad days, but we are going to have some good days. There are going to be days when it is there. Right now we have a little bit of an injury problem, like with Keri (Ousley) and Brandi Ficker."

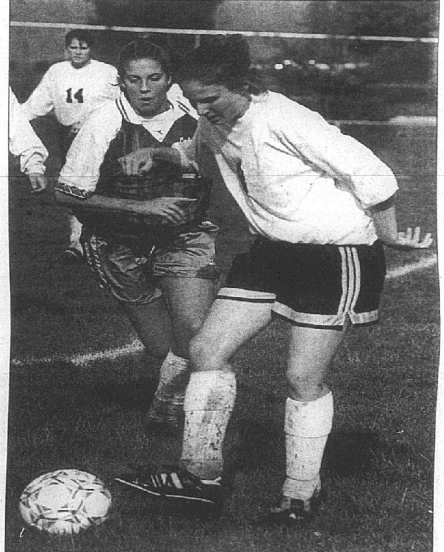
The key to success in the postseason may depend on two factors: goalkeeping and the team's performance in transition.

"What we are trying to do is get them all to be two-way players, playing offense and defense," Baker said. "It's obvious that we don't have depth in goal, but Chelsea Peery is a pretty tough, competitive girl who gave us a strong effort as a freshman last year. She has worked hard in practice already. She's not the type who is satisfied to be on the bench. She has that kind of great attitude, but we just don't have the depth in goal that we would like to have. Debra Aaron played in goal last year, if we had to we could take that again."

A tough regular-season schedule should pave the way for these Warriors to be battle-hardened by the time the playoffs roll around.

"Our schedule is real good, not only within the conference but also the (St. Charles County) St. Dominic Tournament, which is such a strong tournament," Baker said. "Then add Incarnate Word (of north St. Louis County) and (Frontenac, Mo.) St. Joseph's to the schedule — those are the two best teams over there. Unfortunately we play St. Joe over there, which is a real threat, they have every player back from a state championship year. We had a good game with them last year, but we are going to be a better team."

"Our objective is to make progress enough that by the end of the year we might be a potential state-winner. If the injuries do not continue, we will have some depth."



Melissa Montgomery was an all-state selection for Granite City last spring.

"Keri came out better than she was and she was a starter all last year, a very important player. She has improved on the ball. Before she played great on defense, she had excellent work ethic, excellent speed, she started to score a little bit at the end of the season. Now she is going to be

able to do more to develop the play for us. She is passing the ball better, short and long passes, and she is working hard on her dribble. It's going to be fun."

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# Angle wins Mid-States/ Blues Alumni scholarship

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"Hello, this is Blake Dunlop (a former St. Louis Blues player). Is Mike there?" I knew because I had filled it out not too long ago and I knew immediately then I figured he wasn't going to personally call the losers. I figured I had won so I was real excited then. Then I was even more excited because he told me that this was the first time ever for them having two winners and that they weren't going to split it, they were just going to give \$2,000 to each of us. When he said there was two people, I was just kind of wondering about that — just natural curiosity. But I was real excited that he said that.

"It was such a great honor to get it too, because there are so many kids in Mid-States. We are the only Illinois team and usually it seems like we get things kind of held against us. I'm sure a lot of that every team feels, but since we're the only team in Illinois that's in that league, it felt like even more of an honor. Blake Dunlop's kid even plays (at Creve Coeur, Mo., Chamade College Prep), but I don't think he's a senior. It's also through the Blues Alumni Association and there are a couple of other kids — like (Bernie) Federko's kid and (Peter) Stastny's kid — and also, I didn't know if that was going to limit my chances, too.

"It's hard to imagine anyone in the running for the scholarship possessing a resume equal to Angle's massive collection of kudos.

"Mike has achieved high honors," Yurkovich said. "He's ranked sixth in his class of 495 students. He has a grade-point average of 5.5 and has been on high honor roll for all four years of high school. He has extraordinary skills and, with all of the time that he has consumed, he still has time to play hockey. He participates in a lot of clubs and activities at school. He is the president of the hockey club, he is Student Council Vice President, he is in the National Honor Society, social studies club, science club, environmental club, foreign language club, and he is also on the Scholar Boy team. He is an Illinois State Scholar, Secondary Honors Program, and received a letter of recognition for helping with American Cancer Society fundraisers. He was also a varsity hockey letterman for three years and works about 20 hours a week as a clerk at Schnucks."

Angle manages to find a way to balance it all.

"A lot of the stuff, like with Student Council and NHS, most of that stuff is done during the school day, so it's not too big of an impact on my time," Angle said. "If we do have extra things that we need to do, they are on the weekends. With NHS, we do a lot more out of school things than with Student Council because NHS is more community

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**Dave Yurkovich**  
Granite City Warriors coach

service-oriented. Student Council, too, but there are so many other things, like the homecoming dance, prom, the homecoming parade. We have to do all of that stuff, but that can be organized in school. The NHS is a little more time-consuming outside of school, but I just try making the time for it. I know the hockey schedule and practices are already set, so I know what's going on. And most of the stuff for NHS is on the weekends so that helps, because hockey isn't usually. Even away games are usually during the week, so that leaves weekends open, which is the main time that I do things."

Angle has had an additional obstacle to his success in sports and school. He has had to battle health problems. "Mike has had to deal with a lot of his own personal struggles," Yurkovich said. "He suffers from cystic fibrosis and he is a diabetic. He continues to battle through those things, especially when he plays hockey, he really struggles. But he never complains, he is always very positive and he is a very vocal team leader. He may not be the best player on the team,

but he is definitely the best inspiration for any kid on our team, because Michael is able to deal with what he has personally every day, with the rigors of practicing and coughing all the time. He's just not 100 percent every time he steps on the ice. He's the kind of kid you want to have on your team. I'm really very proud to say that that kid played for me and I'm going to hate to see him go."

"The diabetes doesn't affect me too much unless the game is at like 5 or 5:30, where it would throw off my meal plan," Angle said. "I have to get two shots a day and I take my blood before breakfast and then before I get my shots. So that would just kind of mess up my schedule a little bit and that's not too big of a deal because I have adult diabetes. It's not like juvenile diabetes where it changes a whole lot. It is a little more stable. So the diabetes doesn't have that much of an effect."

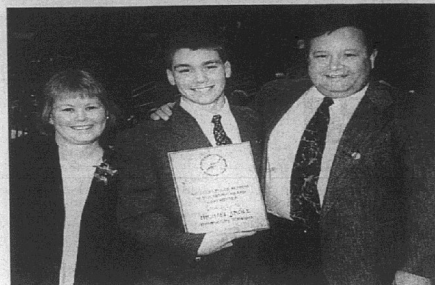
"With the cystic fibrosis, I have mucus in all of my airways. There isn't much room for air to get through, like it would in a normal passage. So I'm always coughing up stuff and coughing all the time, so my endurance

is a lot lower than it would be if I didn't have it. But CF is a genetic disease and I've had it ever since I was born and I'm just used to it because I've grown up with it. It's not like all of a sudden I have it. Like diabetes I got in the beginning of seventh grade and it was caused by my cystic fibrosis. But that was still a drastic change because all of a sudden I have to start going on two shots, whereas with the CF I was taking aerosols and everything else since I was born, so it wasn't a big deal."

In a lot of ways, this scholarship is a fitting epitaph for Angle's high-school career as a student-athlete, which displayed every ounce of character one could hope for in a young man. The fact that it came through hockey can serve as the balm on the back end of a personal tragedy — the loss of the angel on his shoulder.

"Mike has had a tough time with things growing up. He has had some setbacks in his life and he has still been able to bounce back," Yurkovich said. "Mike began playing hockey in 1986 with the Steelers. In 1993, his dad was 36 years old and was playing some pickup hockey out at Granite City Ice Rink and suffered a massive heart attack at the rink and passed away. His dad really loved the game as much as Michael did, so he wanted to play it with him. So he got out and learned to play and that happened."

Angle still feels his presence. "I know he has always watched over me and everything else, even though, obviously, with the circumstances, he can't," Angle said. "I just always pray to him and ask him to help out with everything and watch over me. I know he was watching over me and helping me through the scholarship stuff. With the hockey and everything else, especially with him dying on the ice, it just seemed like maybe he helped me even more then."



Mike Angle poses with his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Art Austin, after winning the Mid-States Club Hockey Association/St. Louis Blues Alumni Scholarship Award. Angle was presented the honor during the Mid-States championship game Feb. 25 at the Kiel Center.

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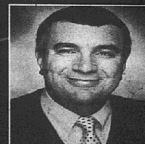
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# SIUE tries to maintain momentum

## Cougars won three of their last five in Florida tournament

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Southern Illinois  
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softball coach Sandy  
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**WOMEN'S  
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team's  
play in the last  
five  
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of a long spring trip are  
indicative of the way things  
will go the rest of the  
season.

The Cougars struggled  
early in the season, losing  
two games in the Southern  
Indiana Tournament and  
winning just one of three at  
the West Georgia  
Tournament in Carrollton,  
Ga.

They lost the first three  
games in the Rebel Spring  
Games in Orlando, Fla., but  
finished that tournament  
with three wins in their last  
five games. Included in that  
stretch were victories over  
Ferris State (Mich.), which  
was the No. 1 team in the  
region and finished third in  
the country last season, and  
Bloomburg (Pa.), which  
was also ranked. Both of  
those victories were by  
one-run margins.

Dawn Farmer, a freshman  
from Columbia, was the  
winning pitcher in a 1-0  
victory against Bloomburg  
while Sara Obrecht (Rantoul  
High School) got the victory  
in a 2-1 triumph against

**"We're playing much better now. We made a lot of silly mistakes early in the season and now we are playing a lot steadier defensively."**

**Sandy Montgomery**  
SIUE coach

Bloomburg.  
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better now," Montgomery  
said. "We made a lot of silly  
mistakes early in the season  
and now we are playing a  
lot steadier defensively."

The Cougars also had to  
play without Sarah  
Solberger for several games  
early in the season.  
Solberger (Peoria Central)  
was finishing her winter  
season with the Cougars  
basketball team. Solberger,  
a first baseman who hit  
better than .400 and set a  
school record for home runs  
(12), was the Most Valuable  
Player of the Great Lakes  
Valley Conference.

SIUE-Edwardsville comes  
off a 33-20 record last  
season, which included a  
trip to the NCAA Regional  
Tournament. They lost a  
10-inning game against  
Ashland in the tournament.

Solberger is one of five  
starters returning from that  
team. Junior Kim Wagner  
(Reavis High School) was an  
all-conference pick as a

centerfielder and sophomore  
Mandy Uhrhan (Dupu) was  
an all-GLVC selection as a  
shortstop. Three other  
Cougars were all-region  
selections: senior outfielder  
Kim Messenger  
(Pattonville); senior  
outfielder Niki Mitts  
(Chatham Glenwood); and  
junior catcher Kari Franzen  
(Rantoul).

A pair of freshman are  
filling spots on the infield  
with Valerie McCoy (Civic  
Memorial) at second base  
and Erin Newman  
(Fairfield, Calif.) at third  
base.

Messenger is leading the

team in hitting in the first 15  
games with a .395 average.  
Mitts (.350) and McCoy  
(.308) are also doing good  
jobs at the plate.

Farmer has been the top  
pitcher with a 3-1 mark and  
a 1.99 ERA. She has  
completed all four of her  
starts. Senior Jessica Silbe  
(Pinckneyville) and junior  
Obrecht are the other  
Cougars pitchers.

"Our record is not great  
but it's too early to worry  
about that," Montgomery  
said. "We've beaten a  
couple of very good teams  
recently and we're looking  
forward to the start of the  
conference season."

The Cougars opened the  
GLVC season with a pair of  
games this weekend. They  
hosted Ty Suhre and  
sophomore Pritchard, who  
came to the Warriors midway  
through the season from the  
Illinois Warriors of the  
Mississippi Valley Club Hockey  
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## Club ice hockey

Granite City Warriors									
Mid-States Varsity Stats		Games		PIM		Points			
Player	Goals	Assists	Games	PIM	Points				
Angie	0	0	2	26	2				
Berg	4	1	18	8	5				
Boyer	1	1	17	0	2				
Brantley	0	1	20	2	1				
J. Burns	1	1	6	43	2				
R. Burns	0	3	18	34	3				
Dickerson	0	1	19	3	3				
Forguson	2	9	29	38	11				
Goodyear	1	2	19	26	3				
Hensley	1	1	20	4	3				
King	3	2	20	8	2				
Melson	0	0	15	4	0				
Pritchard	12	12	14	36	24				
Sarich	1	4	19	16	5				
Scott	9	11	17	68	20				
Suhre	24	12	19	22	36				
Wilson	3	10	19	38	13				
Goalties	Periods	Shots	GA	GPG	SV%				
Rosse	29.5	58	58	6.1	82.4				
Wojciechowski	36.5	312	54	4.3	82.6				

## Granite City endured interesting campaign

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that's something that he will  
get better with.  
The Warriors had a group of  
large, skilled forwards, led by  
junior Ty Suhre and  
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performance all year. He is a  
good team player, he's not an  
"I-me-my" guy, he's always for  
the team."

The Warriors attack perked  
up a little bit with the addition  
of Greg Pritchard.

"It was nice to have Greg  
Pritchard come along this  
year," Yurkovich said.  
"Picking him up was a big  
help. He played in 14 games  
and he had 12 goals and 12  
assists, so he was almost a  
goal-a-game guy too."

"Greg is young. He is going  
to mature. He has never  
played for me, he doesn't know  
how we work or what we  
expect. We didn't have a lot of  
time to work with him, except  
for the last part of the season.  
I think with more practice  
time and more time with Greg,  
we will be able to convince  
Greg to have more drive with  
what he needs to accomplish. I  
know he and Ty are going to  
do a lot of training in the  
off-season to get ready for next  
year. Those two are really  
going to be a spark for us next  
year."

That big front line took an  
enormous hit when Jon Burns  
went down early in the season  
with a wrist injury and was  
never the same.

"I was a little disappointed  
with the injury to Jon Burns,"  
Yurkovich said. "I expected a  
lot from him this year. With  
him being injured, and then  
when he came back, it was  
disappointed that he didn't  
spend as much time getting  
himself in shape and staying in  
shape during the injury. When  
he came back, he just didn't  
fit the bill. That was a  
disappointment."

The Warriors will lose a  
huge chunk of their varsity  
roster to graduation.  
The young players on their way up  
got a cup of coffee at the  
varsity level and should be  
ready to roll next season.

"We are losing a lot of  
seniors," Yurkovich said.  
"Bobby Scott was a big part  
of the team. We tried to play him  
on offense a lot this year for  
the first 14 games, but then he  
went back to defense, which is  
his normal position. Losing  
him is going to be a big factor.  
Scott Sarich and Lenny Wilson  
will be gone. Jon Burns, Greg  
Boyer, Mike Angel."

"We are losing a big corps  
of kids."

"Fortunately the younger  
kids played a lot. Danny  
Forguson, a sophomore this  
year, got a lot of ice time. He  
is going to be a big plus for us  
next year. He got a lot of  
experience real quick. He  
played as a freshman, but he  
played a lot more as a  
sophomore."

"I was real happy with the  
freshmen: Donnie Dickerson,  
Ryan Burns and Justin King.  
Those three played together  
quite a bit, they got a lot of ice  
time on varsity, plus they were  
a tremendous factor on the  
junior varsity team. They  
pretty much led the JV team  
in goals and assists. They have  
a big task ahead of them, but I  
think they are going to be  
really good players for us in  
the future. Joe Berg did a  
great job playing first year in  
varsity. Joe surprised us, the  
kind of kid we didn't expect  
him to come along so fast.  
Joe's strength really helped  
out his development, he's a  
big, strong kid and he plays  
physical. He likes the physical  
part of the game."

"Hopefully, these kids will  
all work on their game during  
the summer and stay in shape  
and next year we will put  
together another good team."

## Granite City Varsity Club sponsors donkey basketball

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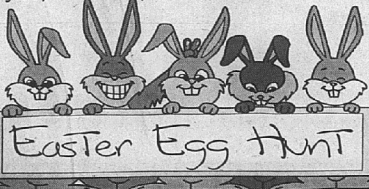
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## Military News

### Anthony Wilson

Navy Petty Officer 1st class Anthony Wilson, whose wife, Taunya, is the daughter of Rosita Minor of Granite City, recently departed on a four-month deployment in the South Pacific while aboard the guided missile frigate USS Rentz, homeported in San Diego.

Wilson joined the Navy in June 1980.

### Jennifer Willman

Marine Pfc. Jennifer Willman, a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

She joined the Marine Corps in June 1998.

### Steven Williams

Steven Williams has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Williams, a student at Granite City High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic

training on July 8. He is the son of Carl and Mary Williams of Granite City.

### Ahmad Swope

Air Force Airman 1st Class Ahmad Swope, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Swope is the son of Daniella Watkins and Elijah Swope, both of Venice.

His wife, Helen, is the daughter of John and Kimi Love of Detroit.

### Ramon Mitchell

Navy Seaman Ramon Mitchell, son of Patricia Whitcomb of Venice, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Mitchell's ship is the lead ship of the USS Enterprise battle group.

The 1996 graduate of Madison Senior High School of Madison, joined the Navy in December 1996.

### Scott Fever

Navy Lt. Scott Fever, a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School, recently participated in the inactivation ceremony of the attack submarine USS Atlanta, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

He joined the Navy in April 1987. Fever is a 1989 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Mo., with a BS degree.

### William Everts

William Everts of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army, said his recruiter, Staff Sgt. Gina Smith of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station located in Collinsville.

Everts has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, Heavy Construction Equipment Operator.

Pvt. Everts will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He reported for duty March 12.

He is the son of Harry and Kim Grant of Lebanon and Debra Hayden of Granite City and is married to Melissa Everts of O'Fallon.

### Robert Burkett II

Robert Burkett II has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant.

Burkett is a satellite network controller assigned to the 1st Satellite Control Battalion at Camp Roberts, San Miguel, Calif.

He is the son of Robert and Pearl Burkett of Granite City. His wife, Angela, is the daughter of Charles Zentgraf and Linda Zentgraf, both of Granite City.

The sergeant is a 1987 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

### David Brame

David Brame of Staunton, formerly of Mitchell, recently graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego. He will continue his schooling in Oklahoma.

### Mary Bloomquist

Air Force Airman Mary B. Bloomquist has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.



Mary Bloomquist

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bloomquist is the daughter of Larry R. and Vera J. Bloomquist of Granite City. She is a 1996 graduate of



David Brame  
Granite City High School

### Joseph Mennemeyer

Joseph E. Mennemeyer has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Alton.

He is the son of Alvin K. Mennemeyer of Hartford and Sharon L. Lovell of Pontoon Beach.

## School Menus

### Week of March 22-26 Granite City Public Schools

**MONDAY, March 22 —**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, pear halves, milk;  
Lunch: Pizza, whole kernel corn, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

**TUESDAY, March 23 —**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuit and jelly, apricots, milk;  
Lunch: Sloppy Joe on bun with pickles, baked beans, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, March 24 —**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon Tostitos, banana, milk;  
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with light dressing, garlic cheese bread, pineapple chunks, milk.

**THURSDAY, March 25 —**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, raisins, milk;  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potato rounds, slice of bread, cherry cobbler, milk.

**FRIDAY, March 26 —**  
Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, blueberries, milk;  
Lunch: Nachos with cheese sauce, refried beans, whole kernel corn, slice of bread, mixed fruit, milk.

### Madison Public Schools

**MONDAY, March 22 —**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk;

Lunch: Toasted ravioli, corn, pears, bread, milk.

**TUESDAY, March 23 —**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, milk;  
Lunch: Pizzaburger on a roll, oven wedges, applesauce, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, March 24 —**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk;  
Lunch: Hot ham on hoagie, macaroni, peas, blueberry cobbler, milk.

**THURSDAY, March 25 —**  
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, milk;  
Lunch: Turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, milk, bread.

**FRIDAY, March 26 —**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk;  
Lunch: Tuna salad sandwich, cup of alphabet vegetable soup, crackers, pineapple chunks, ice juice, milk.

### St. Elizabeth's School

**MONDAY, March 22 —**  
Lunch: Hamburger on bun, Tater Tots, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY, March 23 —**  
Lunch: Ravioli, tossed salad, bread slice, pears, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, March 24 —**  
Lunch: Ham and cheese deli sandwich, carrot sticks, Cheetos, apple, milk.

**THURSDAY, March 25 —**  
Lunch: Pizza pockets, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.

**FRIDAY, March 26 —**  
Lunch: Fish sticks, macaroni

and cheese, peas, applesauce, milk.

### Holy Family School

**MONDAY, March 22 —**  
Lunch: Hamburger on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, oven potatoes, green beans, pears, milk.

**TUESDAY, March 23 —**  
Lunch: Ravioli, cheese chunks, salad, bread, applesauce, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, March 24 —**  
Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, blueberries and cream, milk.

**THURSDAY, March 25 —**  
Lunch: Chili or Chili mac, carrots and celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich or crackers, Jell-o with fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY, March 26 —**  
Lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, slaw, bread, mixed fruit, milk.

## Granite City Elkettes hold March meeting

Doris Anderson, president, opened the Granite City Elkettes meeting held March 1.

Theresa Harding, chaplain, gave the prayer. The scholarship chairman of the Elks informed the members of their program relating to the National Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded to students of college age; state grants are given to disadvantaged children and to families of deceased members.

Educational grants of the National Foundation are used in cancer research, for children's hospitals and to the Crippled Children's program. It also contributes to the veterans' service programs and the national home for retired Elks.

Elkette members were urged to contribute their time to help on all the Elks programs, including the current Easter program for children and hospital and nursing home patients.

A decision was made to

give \$200 toward the Easter party for children.

The Elkettes appreciation dinner and installation of new officers will be held at 6 p.m. April 6 at the Elks Lodge. Those being installed are: President, Joyce Albers; Vice President, Carolyn Belling; Treasurer,

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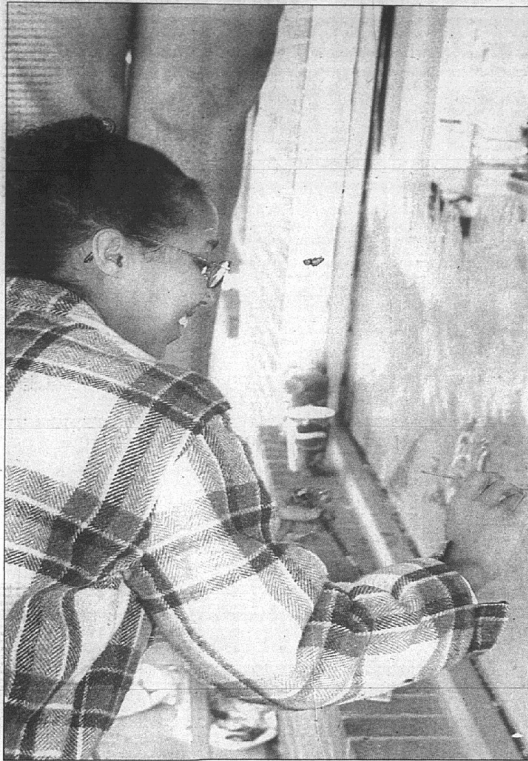
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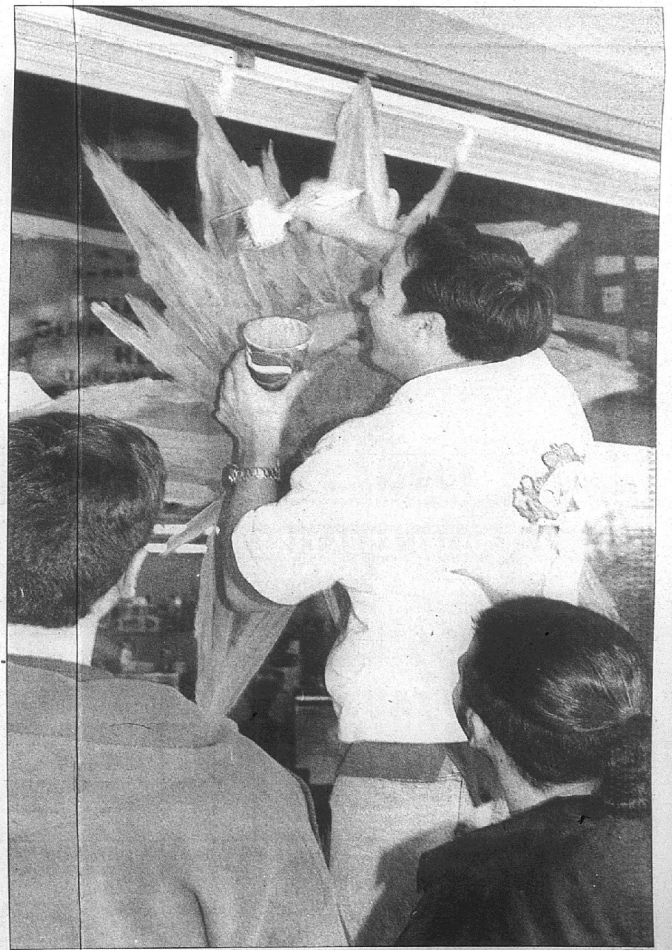
## Motley crew

BAC photos by Kelly Turner  
This group of Belleville Area College art students designed and created a beach mural for Pacific Coast Coffee House in Belleville. Standing in front of their beach creation are, above photo, back row from left, Kelly Rensing of Damiansville, John Veath of Evansville and Steve Moutray of Chester; middle row, Tera Williams of Millstadt, Cleeta Fussell of Caseyville, Wade Hampton of Collinsville, Yolanda Hoversten of O'Fallon and Lisa Barthel of Freeburg; front row, Jon Calvarese of Swansea. Pacific Coast Coffee House staff asked BAC's art department faculty for student participation in the project. The students completed their masterpiece in about three hours. In the photo at left Cleeta Fussell of Caseyville puts the finishing touches on the window of Pacific Coast Coffee House.



## Group effort

Tera Williams, above, of Millstadt outlines a cloud she painted on the coffee house window. At right, Wade Hampton of Collinsville paints a sun on the window of the coffee house. Assisting Hampton are fellow students John Veath, left and Jon Calvarese, who is also shown below applying the finishing touches to the sail of a boat on the window.









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# Officials still battling to bring ethanol research plant to SIUE

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

University officials and legislators are renewing the struggle to bring an ethanol research plant to SIUE.

The university has been awarded a \$6 million state grant for the project, which could go to waste if a \$14 million federal grant is not forthcoming, said U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville. "The plant will primarily explore ways to improve the cost-effectiveness of ethanol by finding more efficient ways of manufacturing," said Brian Donnelly, director of University Park at Southern Illinois University.

Edwardsville.

The university has received a \$1.5 million grant from the federal government for design and engineering. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture called for construction of such a pilot plant back in 1994," Shimkus said.

"In addition, the design and engineering work has already been completed with federal participation. If we don't move forward, we have wasted the money already spent."

The proposal has bipartisan support from the entire Illinois delegation, said Brian Lott, an aide to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte. "It's a year-long effort, and we have to jump a series of

political and policy hurdles."

The state has appropriated its \$6 million share of the construction cost, but a \$14 million construction grant from the federal government did not come through, Donnelly said.

Illinois produces more ethanol than any other state in the union, said Pat Souder, project director for U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield. Illinois and Iowa fight it out each year for first place among the states in production of corn, from which ethanol is made, Souder said.

Ethanol production went from 850 million gallons nationally in 1989 to nearly 1.6 billion gallons in 1997, according to figures from the Northwestern University

School of Management.

Souder said a tax break for ethanol production will be phased out by 2007, so it is important that research on more cost-efficient production be done before that time.

"In an era of keeping government spending down, it would be a great advantage to have ethanol production even more efficient than it already is," Souder said.

Greater cost-efficiency must be achieved so ethanol can hold its own in the market place among other fuels, he said.

"The big criticism we get is that people ask us when we are going to make the production more efficient, although the efficiency has

increased," said Bob Mustell, vice president of marketing for the National Corn Growers Association.

Souder said Congress is just beginning to put together spending bills, and staff members are having difficulty placing the grant proposal in the proper legislative vehicle.

The earliest action on the proposal may be expected in June, but if that fails, supporters will seek some other bill to which to attach the proposal.

Shimkus said he has written to Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Joe Sweeney, R-New Mexico, supporting the plant. Known as the National Corn to Ethanol Research Pilot Plant, "This facility will provide

substantial benefits to the ethanol industry and to farmers in Illinois and across the nation," Shimkus said.

About 600 million bushels of corn go into ethanol production each year, Mustell said. The demand allows farmers to earn from 30 cents to 50 cents more per bushel, he said.

The most common use of ethanol is as an ingredient in gasoline. It is said to be one of the best fuels to fight urban air pollution.

Once the plant at SIUE is built, the university could allow private firms, the USDA and other academic institutions to come in and operate the plant on an experimental basis.

## Madison County sets time for residents to drop off old tires for recycling

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

There are millions of tires disposed of each year in Illinois.

In fact, the average is one per person, said John Senjan, an environmental protection specialist with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Land Division in Collinsville.

"At least 12 million to 14 million are disposed of each

year," Senjan said.

Madison County is doing its part with a tire collection program planned for later this month. The Madison County Highway Department and the Madison County Solid Waste Recycling Program are sponsoring the event that will allow county residents to bring tires in for recycling later this month.

Tires may be taken to the Madison County Nike Base storage facility, located north

of Marine on Fruit Road. Tires will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 26, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27.

"This is everybody's opportunity, and probably the only one this fiscal year, to get rid of these (tires)," said Denise McCleary, the county's solid waste coordinator.

For directions to the site, call 692-7040, Ext. 6664. "It looks more daunting (a trip) but it's not," McCleary

said.

The program is free, but only residents' tires will be accepted. All types of tires, including car, truck and tractor, are being collected, but tires on rims will not be taken. Tires from dealers, service stations or other commercial entities will not be accepted.

Tire Shredders Unlimited of High Ridge, Mo., will process the tires on site. They then will be taken to their plant,

shredded and distributed for use as a fuel alternative, McCleary said.

After requests to empty recycling bins and about paint disposal, getting rid of tires is the third most popular topic on the recycling hot line, McCleary said.

"We get a lot of phone calls about tires," she said. "It's a consistent problem."

Senjan said that "problem" may be part of a bigger solution. Power plants and

cement kilns are just some of the facilities where shredded tires can be used.

Except where low-sulphur coal is used, tires are a better source. "Switching to tires from coal actually is a little cleaner," Senjan said.

The program is funded through a grant from the IEPA with money tire dealers collect from disposal fees, McCleary said.



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### Ford unveils modern hot rod Lincoln

By Tom Strongman

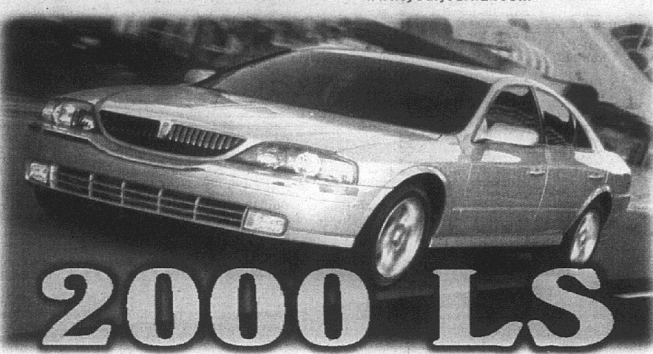
Can you imagine a Lincoln challenging sports sedans from BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz?

The folks at Ford Motor Co. certainly can, and they plan to do so with the 2000 Lincoln LS. The Euro-styled luxury/sport sedan was displayed earlier this month at the Kansas City International Auto Show.

Even though the Lincoln LS had its official unveiling at last year's New York Auto Show, it has not yet reached dealer showrooms. Recently announced prices indicate the LS V-6 will start at \$31,450, while the V-8 will begin at \$35,225.

Even though the cars are not yet available for driving, let's take a closer look at some of their details.

The LS features conservative, understated styling befitting its European character. Tightly drawn body work is businesslike, and its interior is functional above all. Its audience is global, because it will be marketed in both Europe and Japan. Right-hand and left-hand



drive models will be built.

Sitting on a 114.5-inch wheelbase, with an overall length of 193.9 inches, the LS is slightly bigger than a 3-series BMW or Mercedes-Benz E-class. Its underpinnings are much the same as those of the new Jaguar S-Type sedan.

Taking on the best sports sedans from Europe and Japan requires solid all-aluminum

engines: a 3.0-liter V-6 and a 3.9-liter V-8. The V-6 boasts 210 horsepower, while the V-8 puts out a sparkling 232. That should be enough to get even the most erstwhile Lincoln buyer reaching for the keys.

Both engines are paired with five-speed automatic transmissions, while the V-6 can be specified with a five-speed manual 1/2 the first

Lincoln with a manual gearbox since 1951.

A dual-gate SelectShift option gives the driver the choice of fully automatic or manual shifting. SelectShift, Lincoln says, will hold the selected gear right to maximum rpm, like a manual, instead of automatically upshifting like some competitors' units.

Road-holding is accomplished with a 50/50 front-to-rear weight distribution, double-wishbone independent suspension front and rear, and a body structure that resists flexing. Press materials indicate the suspension was designed to provide both a comfortable ride and responsive handling.

The rear suspension is mounted on a sub-frame that isolates the body from road harshness. It features a design that keeps the car flat during braking. For those seeking optimum handling, an optional sport suspension is available along with 17-inch wheels and high-speed tires.

Power rack-and-pinion steering has variable assist.

Anti-lock brakes (ABS) and discs on all four wheels are standard on both V-6 and V-8 models. Front-rear brake balance is regulated by an electronic system.

Vehicle stability is enhanced by AdvanceTrac, which uses a combination of the all-speed traction control and ABS to keep the car stable during extreme movements such as fast turns or swerving to avoid an obstacle.

The interior has leather-trimmed seating for five, thick carpeting, a premium sound system, automatic climate control and a split-folding rear seat. Front and side air bags are standard.

Judgments will be withheld until I get a chance to sample an LS on the road, but preliminary specifications indicate this should be a car worthy of challenging the roads of America with a European style.

### Many people worry about truck safety

By Rick Stoff

The economy is booming. That means more freight is crossing the country and more trucks are traveling on the highways to deliver it.

As a result, highway truck safety is becoming an issue again.

Large trucks were listed as the leading safety concern of one in five drivers who responded to a recent survey conducted by the Auto Club of Missouri. Overall, aggressive drivers were at the top of the list, with 39 percent of the votes. Drunk driving was the second-leading concern, at 24 percent. Following large trucks

came in at 21 percent, speeders at 14 percent and road conditions at 9 percent.

"When one in five members is concerned more about large trucks than aggressive driving, drunk drivers, speeding and other issues, that is a significant finding," said Mike Right, spokesman for the Auto Club.

While traffic involving all sorts of vehicles has been increasing for decades, Right said statistics indicate trucking traffic is increasing at a faster rate than auto traffic.

"People are noticing the big trucks more," he said. "The number of trucks on the road has increased dramatically in recent years, and it looks like it will continue to increase. When the economy is good, freight is moved and the economy has been perking along."

"There has been an (increase) in the

number of fatalities in accidents involving trucks," he said. "There also is a focus at the federal level on how the government should respond to a number of highway safety issues involving large trucks."

The American Automobile Association has called for greater study of trucking safety issues. Large trucks are involved in 8 percent of all fatal traffic accidents in the country, said Mark Edwards, managing director of traffic safety for AAA.

He said trucks should be subject to the same kind of intensive study that has led to dramatic improvements in the safety records of automobiles over the last 30 years. In the late 1960s about 55,000 people died in traffic accidents each year. That number has declined to 42,000 despite huge increases in vehicle miles traveled.

"If the fatality rate 30 years ago persisted in 1997, more than 130,000 people would have died in crashes," Edwards said.

But trucking has not been studied in significant detail, he said.

"When one considers that we do not even have a reliable estimate on the number of large trucks that crash each year, it is clear that improved data will guide Congress in making appropriate investments to address truck safety issues with certainty and science," he said.

AAA is lobbying for studies of truck crash causes, more emphasis on truck safety at the state level, improvements in commercial driver licensing and education efforts to make automobile and truck drivers better understand the basics of sharing the roads.

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Well established expanding firm needs competent field technicians in 4 offices/field Hqs. IL, St. Peters, MO, St. Clair, MO and Kansas City, MO. Send resume to: Mr. J. M. Smith, 6037 E. Main St., St. Peters, MO 63376. Please include on envelope which office location you prefer.

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**FITTERS**  
ASME Code Fabrication. Steel and Stainless Steel. From Prints. Experience. Apply in Person: **CONTRACTORS, INC.** 1001 N. Main St., St. Louis, MO 63101

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**SPRING IS HERE!**  
Ice Cream Vendors needed. Choose suburban routes now available! Cash paid daily. Must be over 18 with a good driving record. Call for interview: **314-252-6767**  
**Frosty Treats**  
7579 Minter Industrial Dr., (1 1/2 miles north of Hwy 70, Bernadette, IL 62229)

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**INVENTORY SPECIALIST/CLERK**  
Repair parts and tool inventory control. Maintain inventory listing, enter receiving data, and inventory as required. Lifting of 50+ lbs. required. Contact John C. at DTS in Wentzville 1-800-415-1596 Ext. 204 or 314-638-1596 Ext. 204 or 314-638-1596 Ext. 204

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**Medical Receptionist**  
Full time, excellent telephone communication, computer skills and insurance experience. No weekends. Good benefits. Send resume to: **Loretta** 4 Country Club Executive Park Glen Carbon, IL 62034

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**FLATBED TRUCK DRIVER**  
ALL miles paid weekly/drop pay. Assigned A/R Conventions. Home Weekends, Holidays. Rider Program. Vacation & Holiday Pay. Medical Retirement Plan (401K) Tractor Purchase Plan. **800-228-3342**

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**GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE WORKERS**  
Stonebridge Golf Course. Apply in person at Pro Shop

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**INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE SEWER CLEANERS**  
Hydroblasting, Waterblasting, TV Inspection, Expertise. Call: **314-638-1596**

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We are seeking an executive level secretary/assistant for our design department. Minimum of three years secretarial experience required. Proficiency with Microsoft Office, including PowerPoint and Excel. Excellent proofreading skills. Basic accounting knowledge. Ability to work independently. Minimum typing speed of 40 wpm. Must be well organized and able to prioritize. Please send resume and salary history to: Design Secretary, PO Box 5701, St. Louis, MO 63101. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Steel Processing Experience Necessary. Slitter Operator. Blanking Line Operator. CTL Operator. Packaging Line. Apply at: Southside Temporaries, 7329 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63111.

### 320 HELP WANTED

#### Store Manager & Sales

Store Manager & Sales. Prefer furniture sales experience or will train. Must have flexible hours. Vacation & holiday pay. Health Insurance. Apply to Ken Kilton for appointment, 618-344-0316.

### 320 HELP WANTED

#### Truck Driver

Truck Driver. Furniture Delivery. Full Time. Vacation & Holiday Pay. Health Insurance. Apply to Ken Kilton for appointment, 618-344-0316.

### 320 HELP WANTED

#### WAREHOUSE

WAREHOUSE. Shop for our customers, we need order pickers for a furniture store. Flexible hours, 90 days sign up bonus, medical plan, parking, 314-231-7010, ext. 304 for details.

### 320 HELP WANTED

#### CNA's/Nas

CNA's/Nas. All shifts. 8 hr & 12 hr shifts. CNA Classrooms Available. NEW WAGE SCALE. \$100 differential pay. Even, nights & weekends. Attendance bonus. Apply in person, EOE, INS OF GRAVIOIS, 10554 Kennedy Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128. 314-434-4242.

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#### CNA & CMT

CNA & CMT. Days & Evenings. CNA's day \$7.00, eve \$7.50. CMT's \$7.50. Great location. Referral Bonus. Vacation/holiday pay. Sick pay. Westview Nursing & Rehab Center, 1127 Timber Run, Cave Coeur & Missouri, 314-434-5881.

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#### CNA's LPN's

CNA's LPN's. Full time/part time, all shifts. Competitive wage & benefits package. Apply in person: Fairfield Manor, 5303 Bermuda Rd, St. Louis, MO 63121. 314-365-0910. (Located on Hwy 70, located approx. 1 mile east of Airport).

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#### CNA

CNA. Paid certification in one of the fastest growing professions - Certified Nursing Assistants. If you are a dependable, caring individual and enjoy working with the elderly, the WESTCHESTER HOUSE Certification program is for you! This is an entry level full time position that includes class instruction and on the job training. No fees. Earn while you learn a new career.

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CNA's. Evenings & Nights. Our facility is located in South St. Louis city in the 5600 neighborhood with access to the city bus lines. 144, 156 and 140. A 100-bed skilled nursing facility. We have openings on evenings and nights shifts. CNA's work 12 hour shifts every other weekend. Full time 12 hour shifts on the Alzheimer's Unit also available. New, higher starting salary every 6 months. Pay for performance bonus every 6 months. Evening & weekend shift differential. Health & dental insurance. Pension plan. Applications accepted Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm. Apply in person or send resume to: ALEXANDER BROTHERS LANSOWNE VILLAGE, 1400 Main Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63031. 314-351-0488.

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#### CNA's

CNA's. 3-11 Shift. Seeking a certified nursing assistant to work in our skilled nursing home center providing care & rehabilitative services to our geriatric population. If you have a love for helping others and feel fulfillment from a heart-felt smile, let MarCorCare be your avenue for satisfaction and achievement. We provide a competitive salary and benefit package while working in a drug-free environment with every other weekend rotation. MarCorCare takes pride in providing quality care for our residents. If you enjoy making a difference in the lives of others, please apply in person.

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MacroCare Health Services. 1200 Graham Road, Florissant, MO 63031. 314-338-0553. eoe mchsv.

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# Crossword Puzzle

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**"ALL THAT JAZZ"**  
By SHIRLEY SLOWAY

**"ACROSS"**  
1. Beer ingredient  
2. Severe  
3. Weight watcher?  
4. Banned bug  
5. Japanese canine  
6. Soap spot  
7. "With Love"  
8. Jaffe or Barrett  
9. Forty—  
10. Saxophonist  
11. "Giz"  
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46. The capital  
47. Kuala Lumpur  
48. Flagrant  
49. Decorate  
50. Play clay  
51. Contract  
52. Southwest native

92. Wager  
93. Maine river  
94. Kentucky address  
95. Critics of  
96. Theulous?  
97. Defeat badly  
98. Across  
99. Kiole's hangout  
100. Make fun of  
101. Formations  
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1. Wetland  
2. Oahu greeting  
3. Oahu patio  
4. Flashed, in a way  
5. Mandinka of tennis  
6. Related to  
7. Fruit coverings  
8. Painter Jan  
9. Most  
10. challenging  
11. Medical beams  
12. Performs  
13. "asko Joan"  
14. Singles  
15. Turn away  
16. Bitchal

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